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THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA



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## THE COMMITTEE ON HISTORY

At the November Regular Meeting in 1945, in response to an often expressed desire, a resolution was adopted authorizing and instructing the Worshipful Master to appoint a Committee on History. Worshipful Master D. Murray Robertson thereupon named Brothers Edwin E. Hruska, Harry A. Palmer, W. S. Newell, Ernest R. Moore, O. Lee Eckert, and Hoyt Thomas as such committee. After due deliberation Ernest R. Moore was named Historian. His work is submitted in the following pages. Throughout, what he has written has had the scrutiny and now bears the approval of the committee.

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## PREFACE

The task of the historian is to review the past in such a way that his account may possess both significance and interest for the reader in the present. Confronted with the welter of accumulated detail and minutiae, the historian must so select and order his narrative that it becomes not only a true and accurate account of the past but a meaningful one as well. Since he is treating dynamic, not static, material, he must suggest its movement, development, change and growth. But the narrative has many strands, and many of them were being woven simultaneously. The historian's most embarrassing dilemma arises from his obligation to treat the separate strands substantially and coherently, while never losing sight of the fact that to render a clear picture of the whole tapestry is also his duty.

A glance at typical Lodge histories will show quickly that this dual obligation of the historian has not often been satisfactorily met. Histories of Lodge activities fall chiefly into two classes: those that give a reasonably connected story but touch only the high lights and make no pretense to thoroughness; those that are minutely thorough but do not give a connected orderly account. Histories in this latter group usually set forth a year by year digest of the proceedings of the communications. To the reader is left the difficult and important task of organizing the minutiae and drawing from them the conclusions that the historian should have supplied.

The present historian has tried to dodge this persistent dilemma without being impaled on either of its horns. He proposes to do so by first setting forth a view of the tapestry as a whole and then backtracking to study the individual strands in some detail. The tapestry as a whole is a picture of the activity of the Lodge—activity existing not *in vacuo* but set against its proper background of events in the world at large. The separate strands, which are the basic stuff of the tapestry, are the labors of the brethren and the activities of the Lodge.

It is hoped that the present volume will prove not only a useful record of events and activities, but that it will be read with interest and enjoyment by the brethren who lived through a part of the period as well as by those who desire an account of these olden times for the understanding it will give them of their own.

It was the expressed desire of the Committee of Supervision that the story be complete but tersely told. To comply strictly with that wish was difficult, hence little extraneous or collateral material has been introduced. It is hoped that what is presented will be sufficiently informative for ordinary inquiry or information and will also lay the foundation for further research.



"An attempt to study Freemasonry in any community without consideration of local history is poor policy. Freemasonry has always been interwoven with the social and economic development of the locality in which it arises."

J. Hugo Tatsch "*Freemasonry in the Colonies*"

## **PART ONE: HISTORICAL**

*The Chronicles of Seventy-Five Years*

DULY AND TRULY PREPARED  
FREE BORN  
OF LAWFUL AGE  
WORTHY AND WELL-QUALIFIED  
WELL-RECOMMENDED  
DEPRESSION YEARS  
WORLD WAR II

## CHAPTER I

### DULY AND TRULY PREPARED: ANTECEDENTS AND ANCESTRY

#### *The Beginnings of Modern Freemasonry*

As a biography customarily begins with some account of the subject's forebears, it is not out of the way to glance at the antecedents of Mount Hermon Lodge, at the outset of this chronicle. The curious and scholarly reader can discover the story, in some detail, in such works as Sir Alfred Robbins' *English-Speaking Freemasonry*, but for our present purposes it is enough to sketch the highlights and landmarks of the narrative.

Speculative and imaginative historians of the craft have projected the origins of freemasonry into the dim "backward and abysm of Time," but the establishment of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717 on St. John the Baptist's day in the third year of the reign of King George I is a stubborn historical fact and a convenient date to mark the beginning of the modern craft. "From that body," one historian remarks, "has sprung, directly or indirectly, every Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, working three degrees in the universe."

The formation of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, at Dublin, 1728-1729, and of Scotland in 1736, laid the foundation for all the thousands of subsequent lodges in the world. From 1738 until 1813, a schismatic Masonic body of English Masons claiming the title of "Ancients" operated alongside and in opposition to the regular Grand Lodge, dubbed the "moderns." Their trivial differences were finally healed and English Masonry was consolidated under the title of "United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of England."

Before the date of this consolidation, however, Freemasonry had begun to make its appearance in the new world as brethren, raised in the old country settled in America and sought charters which would give them a lodge home on this side of the Ocean.

#### *Freemasonry in America*

Discounting extravagant and romantic claims of traces of freemasonry in pre-Historic America, the earliest authentic accounts of the craft in this country occur some years after the establishment of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717. A competent Masonic historian, Brother J. Hugo Tatsch, once a member of Crescent Lodge No. 25, cites a reference in



the minutes of the Grand Lodge of England, June 5, 1730, recording "a deputation issued to one Daniel Coxe, Esq., to be 'Provincial Grand Master of the Provinces of New York, New Jersey, and Pensilvania in America.'"

Brother Tatsch was of the opinion that Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790), an active and zealous Mason, did more to establish Freemasonry in America than any other man of his time. In 1734 Henry Price granted Franklin's petition for a charter. During the next half century many lodges were chartered in America by the four Grand Lodges in Great Britain and Ireland. With the close of the Revolutionary War these lodges cast loose from the Mother Grand Lodges, Pennsylvania Masons organizing their Grand Lodge in 1786, and Massachusetts in 1792.

Focusing attention on the main line of our own development, we note establishment of a lodge in North Carolina as early as 1754 by warrant of the Grand Lodge of England (Moderns). By 1787 there were sufficient lodges in North Carolina to organize a Grand Lodge. This in turn mothered lodges in Tennessee, eight of which formed the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in 1813. In 1821 Missouri lodges, chartered by Tennessee, organized a Grand Lodge, which became the progenitor of the first Iowa lodges.

#### *Formation of Iowa Grand Lodge*

The first lodge in Iowa territory was Des Moines Lodge No. 41, (now No. 1) Burlington, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Missouri in 1840. Lodges in Muscatine, Dubuque, and Iowa City were chartered shortly thereafter. Representatives of these four met at Iowa City January 2, 1844, to establish the Grand Lodge of Iowa. Wapello Lodge No. 5 promptly petitioned for dispensation and thus won the honor of being the first lodge authorized by the newly organized Grand Lodge. Wapello's forehandedness robbed Marion Lodge No. 6 of the distinction of being first.

#### *Crescent Lodge No. 25 Organized*

For several years the county seat, Marion, had the only Masonic body in Linn County. Then as Masonry prospered and as the neighboring city began to show promise and growth, the need for another lodge to accommodate the brethren residing in Cedar Rapids became apparent. In November, 1850, a dispensation was granted to Judge George Greene and seven other Master Masons, most of them demitting from Marion No. 6, to establish Cedar Rapids Lodge No. 25, whose name was changed to Crescent in 1864.

The history of Crescent Lodge during its first two decades, until the chartering of Mount Hermon Lodge, need not concern us here. The curious reader will find it set forth in ample detail in Brother Joseph E. Morcombe's *History of Crescent Lodge No. 25* (1906). Suffice it to say that the lodge included among its brethren the stalwart founders of the city, men like Judge Greene, N. B. Brown, Isaac Cook, and many others who figure importantly in the early chapters of the city's life.

By the late 1860's, when the first stirrings for a new lodge in Cedar Rapids began to be felt, Crescent Lodge numbered about eighty-five members and was well-established among the more than 250 lodges which composed the Iowa jurisdiction.

The impetus to form a new lodge can scarcely have arisen from the fact that Crescent Lodge was growing too big. A cause of difference had arisen among the brethren. Adequate contemporary accounts are lacking, and at this distance it is quite impossible to reconstruct the circumstances fully, but a separation was apparently the only possible solution.



## CHAPTER II

### FREE BORN: ORGANIZATION AND EARLY YEARS OF MOUNT HERMON LODGE

#### *A Brief Survey of Cedar Rapids in 1869*

By 1869 Cedar Rapids was approaching 6,000 in population and had lost a good many of the frontier-town marks which had been in evidence a quarter century earlier. Kingston, the settlement on the west side of the river, was still a separate community, though a movement for annexation had begun. A single bridge across the river, on what is now called First Avenue, joined the two communities.

Two railroads provided connections with the outside world, freeing the town from dependence on river-boat traffic and transportation by wagon over dusty trails. In addition to the East-West lines—the Chicago and Northwestern, and the Dubuque and Southwestern (now the Milwaukee)—a third line was in the making, the Burlington, Cedar Rapids, and Minnesota, which by the end of the year was operating as far as Vinton. The prospect of connections with St. Louis and Minneapolis was not far off.

The town boasted of nine churches, twice as many saloons, several hotels, a saw mill, grist mill, two woolen mills, a paper mill, a wagon

works, cracker factory, two breweries, a planing mill, and a cooper shop—to give a representative but not exhaustive inventory of local activities. Grain storage and milling facilities, looking ahead to the city's later importance as a cereal center, were already established.

The bulk of commercial enterprises were clustered along the appropriately named Commercial Street, since renamed First Street. In the early days, proximity to the river afforded the only means of fire protection.

Ninth Street on the East and Eleventh Avenue on the South marked the practical limits of the built-up portion of the city. Beyond them one saw wooded hills and rolling pastures, with only a scattering of outlying dwellings.

From the earliest days of the settlement the town had embraced a fairly homogeneous people drawn largely from the older states. They were, generally speaking, an upright and industrious people conscientious in matters of religion and education. In 1868 Parsons Seminary—later to become Coe College—was established under Presbyterian auspices. There were two schools in addition to the Union High School on the property adjoining Greene Square, a building whose successor is now, 1946, being razed. A Young Men's Library Association—forerunner of the Y. M. C. A. and of the Library—had been formed to bring good speakers and other edifying entertainment to town. It occupied the northwest corner of First Avenue and First Street.

By the date of our chronicle's beginning, the influx of central European immigrants, principally Bohemians, had started, in appreciable numbers. They were a thrifty, diligent, and honest people, and were destined to contribute substantially to the cultural and industrial welfare of the city.

By 1869 it is clear that the foundations of the city were well laid. The rigors of frontier life had been withstood, and a bright era of prosperity loomed ahead. The development of a network of railroad communications gave assurance that the multiplying enterprises of the industrious city would not lack either raw materials or markets. The flourishing conditions of the churches, schools, and fraternal organizations in the community was evidence that commercial development was not crowding out cultural and spiritual endeavor.

### *The Struggle to be Born*

The events leading to the granting of dispensation to form Mount Hermon Lodge comprise a somewhat tangled and not altogether pleasant chapter in local Masonic history. But since, however bitter the struggle may have been, the outcome proved happy, it may not be amiss to include



an objective summary of such details of the story as may still be pieced together from extant records, keeping speculation at a minimum.

The root of the difficulty appears to have been in opposing attitudes toward the Civil War. The patriotic impulse was strong in the young community, and many of the younger men of Crescent Lodge went into the Union Army. When the conflict closed, some seeds of discord long planted germinated.

During the war, in parts of the North, and here, also, there was a non-co-operative element, the adherents to the old "states rights" theory. Aid to the South was not open, but sympathy was manifested in covert ways. In Crescent Lodge, the few of this semi-disloyal type were in control. When the young soldier patriots came home, their dislike of these defeatists was but natural. They showed it in word and action.

This half-concealed feeling came into the open in 1868. A member of Crescent Lodge was charged with a Masonic offense. What that was, is of no importance. He was tried. In the trial the war-passion prejudice came to the surface and lines were drawn. He was found guilty, but his friends prevented the fixing of a penalty.

At this juncture one of the friends of the convicted member appealed to the Grand Lodge for clarification. In the Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1868 the following paragraph occurs in the Report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances:

"Crescent Lodge No. 25 vs G. W. Westlake. In this case the accused was found guilty but the lodge by its Vote refused to inflict any penalty, and from this refusal Brother A. V. Eastman, a member of the lodge, appeals. That the lodge may have an opportunity of making its record consistent, the committee recommend that the cause be remanded to the lodge with direction to the Worshipful Master to convoke the lodge in special communication and cause a ballot to be taken upon the degree of punishment to be inflicted; and that, previous to taking such ballot, he cause the testimony heretofore taken to be read to the lodge and that no other be received; and that the action of the lodge be communicated to the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication. The original papers have been filed with the Grand Secretary. It is recommended that the Worshipful Master of the lodge be permitted to withdraw the same."

This order was duly obeyed. Worshipful Master A. R. West took home the papers and turned them over to Worshipful Master G. F. Bennett, whose term of office lasted from June 1868 to June 1869. He convoked the lodge in special communication and caused Secretary M. P. Mills to read the papers as the Grand Lodge had directed. In the ballot

on the nature of the punishment, the vote was negative upon expulsion and suspension, which left the lowest punishment that could be inflicted, a reprimand.

Brother Westlake, however, was not present, and it seemed evident that he and those who sided with him did not intend that he should ever give his opponents in the lodge the satisfaction of having him reprimanded. Accordingly his opponents dispatched a query to Grand Master Reuben Mickel asking to be advised on procedure in event the brother failed to appear on the evening appointed for the infliction of the penalty. The Grand Master's opinion on the supposititious case appeared to pave the way for Westlake's opponents to insure his humiliation by a reprimand or to subject him to even sterner punishment.

The friends of Westlake, however, were equally resourceful and determined. On August 3, 1868, Westlake and twenty-three other members of Crescent Lodge took their demits with a view to forming a new lodge. A glance at the list of demitting brethren shows that their number included many men of high standing in the lodge and in the city:

J. C. Adams	S. B. Fleek	C. B. Rowley
A. S. Belt	J. G. Graves	George Snyder
B. F. Boughton	George Greene	Wesley Stephens
N. B. Brown	M. A. Higley	H. B. Stibbs
T. Z. Cook	G. M. Howlett	J. H. Stibbs
Ed Coulter	W. B. Leach	W. D. Watrous
J. P. Coulter	J. S. McClure	George W. Westlake
A. V. Eastman	C. D. Pettibone	I. N. Whittam

At the next regular meeting, in September, 1868, Brother J. C. Adams, who had been selected for master of the new lodge, and several of the demitting brethren appeared at the hall of Crescent Lodge to ask for a recommendation and to request that Brother Adams be allowed to exemplify the work in the three degrees, if that was deemed a necessary preliminary to the granting such recommendation.

They were met, however, with violent rebuff from the old sea captain, George F. Benett, who presided in the East. One memoir colorfully recounts the dramatic scene in the following words: "With a voice such as he had used upon the quarter-deck of his ship years before, with his blue eyes blazing and his arm outstretched toward the door of the lodge, the old salt, the master of the lodge, G. F. Benett ordered them to begone and never to appear at the door of Crescent Lodge again."

Whether the petitioning brethren were as rudely dismissed as the quoted memoir suggests, it is clear that they failed in their mission and were given to understand that further appeals would be hopeless. Accordingly they determined to ask the Grand Master for a dispensation

even without the recommendation of Crescent Lodge. Together with the unsigned petition, they addressed the following explanatory petition to the Grand Master:

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Iowa:

Your petitioners would respectfully represent that they are each Master Masons; that, with other Master Masons, they have petitioned you as Most Worshipful Grand Master aforesaid, praying for a Dispensation empowering said petitioners to meet as a regular lodge at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, (which said petition is herewith forwarded); that your petitioners in forwarding said petition for a Dispensation without a recommendation from Crescent Lodge, located in this place; that in support thereof and explanatory thereto they beg leave to offer the following (amongst other reasons); that your petitioners, as they believe, ought to have said Dispensation granted, and for your consideration in the premises:

1st: That each and all of the petitioners to the said petition are regular M.M.s and residing at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and late members of said Crescent Lodge.

2nd: That we have presented the said petition to the said Crescent Lodge, together with a petition in writing to the same, requesting said lodge to recommend petitioners to said petition to have their prayer for a dispensation granted.

3rd: That both of said petitions were presented to the said lodge at the last regular meeting thereof, to wit, on the evening of the 7th day of September, 1868. That at the same time a large majority of said petitioners were there present, and amongst them P.M. Bro. J. C. Adams, W.M. Select; which said Brethren were there for the purpose of answering any questions that said Crescent Lodge or any member thereof might wish to ask, and to make any necessary explanation in a proper Masonic spirit in support of said petition and request.

4th: That the W.M. of said lodge well knew when each and all of said petitioners went to said lodge for what purpose they came there, to-wit: for the purpose last aforesaid.

5th: That said Crescent Lodge, by the Master thereof, refused to allow the said brethren present to explain, or answer any question that might arise and ordered said brethren to leave the lodge room, which as good Masons, having the good of the order at heart, they all did at once.

6th: That said lodge refused to grant petitioners' request and would not give them recommendation for a dispensation, though they were perfectly satisfied with and knew that Brother J. C. Adams as W.M. Select could fully exemplify the work.



7th: That said Crescent Lodge have about 60 to 70 members with about 12 F.C.s and E.A.s, also about six present petitioners to become members thereof; that said lodge room is small, and not large enough on ordinary occasions to seat the members; that the population in the jurisdiction is about 8 to 10,000.

8th: That we are informed by the W.M. of Crescent Lodge that he has fully posted you as to the facts in the premises and that he has decision from you which we are fully satisfied you would not have made had you investigated the whole facts of the case.

9th. That we can never affiliate with Crescent Lodge again and we are not satisfied to remain demitted Masons. That there are matters of difference which have risen here which will prevent us again from joining said lodge; and, with only one lodge here, we must forever remain out of the order.

10th: That we assure you, that in the course we have taken and are now taking, we have the good and prosperity of our order at heart and sincerely believe it is for the good of the order to grant our prayer.

11th: That we can fully satisfy you that we are capable of organizing and successfully maintaining a lodge here; that amongst us are Past Masters Geo. Greene and J. C. Adams, the said Geo. Greene and N. B. Brown (another petitioner) being charters members of Crescent Lodge, late Cedar Rapids Lodge.

12th: That for the sincerity of our intentions and motives we would respectfully refer you to the worthy Grand Officer residing here (Grand Secretary T. S. Parvin), who is fully cognizant of all the facts in the premises as hereinbefore stated and referred to.

We therefore pray that, as we believe the ancient usages of our order will give us justice, that by yourself or deputy (you preferred) you will give the matter a fair and candid investigation; and that, for reasons given above, and other reasons which can and will be cheerfully given at any time, grant us a Dispensation as before prayed for in our said petition.

The accompanying petition for dispensation read as follows:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa,  
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons:

We, the undersigned Master Masons of good standing and having the prosperity of the craft at heart, are anxious to exert our best endeavours to promote and diffuse the general principles of freemasonry, and for the convenience of our respective dwellings, and for other good reasons, we are desirous of forming a new lodge to be named Mount Moriah.

We, therefore, with the approbation of the lodge nearest our location (hereunto appended) respectfully pray for a dispensation, empowering us to meet in regular lodge in Cedar Rapids in the county of Linn on the \_\_\_\_\_ full moon, and there to discharge

the duties of ancient York Masonry, in a constitutional manner, according to the form of the order and the laws of the Grand Lodge.

And we have nominated and do recommend brother J. C. Adams to be the first Master, brother C. B. Rowley to be the first Senior Warden, and brother H. B. Stibbs to be the first Junior Warden of the said lodge.

The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master, and the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge and the usages and customs of Masonry.

Wm. B. Leach  
I. N. Whittam  
C. D. Pettibone  
Geo. Greene  
C. B. Rowley  
S. B. Fleek  
W. D. Watrous

Ed Coulter  
T. Z. Cook  
J. H. Stibbs  
A. V. Eastman  
J. C. Adams  
G. M. Howlett  
J. G. Graves  
M. A. Higley

Wesley Stephens  
H. B. Stibbs  
B. F. Boughton  
John Weare  
N. B. Brown  
A. S. Belt  
J. P. Coulter

With a view to getting signers from Crescent Lodge, the demitted brethren had prepared the usual recommendation blank, which read as follows:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa,  
of ancient, free and accepted Masons:

The undersigned, Master and Secretary of Crescent Lodge No. 25, do Certify that brother J. C. Adams, named as Master of the new Lodge in the annexed Petition, did appear in open Lodge at a meeting thereof held at our Lodge Room at Cedar Rapids on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 1868, and exemplified the work in the three degrees of Masonry in a Creditable Manner.

We also Certify that the brethren signing said petition have provided a suitable and safe lodge room and that each of the petitioners has produced a regular demit from the Lodge of which he was last a member where such is in existence.

Witness our hands, and the seal of said Lodge, the day and year above written.

\_\_\_\_\_ Master  
\_\_\_\_\_ Secy.

The blank spaces were not filled in, however, with the names of Worshipful Master G. F. Benett or Secretary Mason P. Mills, nor did the document ever bear the seal of Crescent Lodge. It is now preserved with other petitions, and with the dispensation which finally was granted, in the archives of the Grand Lodge at the Masonic Library.

It appears that even with the departure of the demitting brethren the disturbance in Crescent Lodge had not quieted down. In the month following the memorable scene referred to above, difficulties broke out

anew. Past Master A. R. West received some telling verbal blows which occasioned his taking a demit. This circumstance raised a new problem since Brother West had been honored with office of Junior Warden at the 1868 communication, and the question arose whether Brother West's action in demitting had not in effect created a vacancy in his Grand Lodge chair.

With affairs in this state of sad deterioration, Grand Master Reuben Mickel dispatched his Senior Grand Warden, Brother W. P. Allen, as special deputy to restore peace and harmony among the brethren. Brother Allen's influence helped greatly to stabilize the situation, but it did not entirely clear the way for the granting of the dispensation to the demitting brethren.

In his address at the 1869 communication of the Grand Lodge in Davenport, Grand Master Mickel noted that he had refused a number of applications for dispensation:

Among other, I received a petition for a new lodge in the city of Cedar Rapids, signed by twenty-two Master Masons, among whom, I am informed, were several of the most respected and worthy masons of that flourishing city. The petition, however, was not accompanied with the necessary recommendation of Crescent Lodge No. 25, but on the contrary, I was informed that the said lodge almost unanimously refused to give the required recommendation. I further learned that unfortunately there existed a source of discord among the craft at that place, which, in a measure, destroyed the harmony and good feeling which should ever characterize the intercourse of Masons with each other. I therefore decline to issue the dispensation asked for, but promised to present the matter to the Grand Lodge for its consideration, which I have now done. If, upon an examination into the facts of the case, it shall be considered constitutional and proper that a dispensation shall issue to said brethren, you will give the necessary authority therefor.

The Grand Master's contention that the lodge "almost unanimously refused to give the required recommendation" is not borne out by the facts, however, for a petition filed with the Grand Lodge the day before his Address carried the names of nearly half the membership of Crescent Lodge in support of a recommendation for granting dispensation. This document read as follows:

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, May 27th/69

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of Iowa:

We the undersigned members of Crescent Lodge No. 25 F. & A.M., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, would respectfully recommend that the petition of Brothers J. C. Adams, C. B. Rowley, H. B. Stibbs, and



others, for a new lodge in this City be granted, and that a charter from your worshipful body be given them.

James L. Enos	F. F. Dana	James S. Moorhead
Mason P. Mills	Wm. H. Thompson	John Boyce
J. Devendorf	O. Robinson	E. Havens
Wm. Walker	J. M. Canfield	Henry Bennett
Wm. Batchelder	J. D. Firestone	H. C. Gillette
G. H. Gammon	H. C. Morehead	Wm. Harper
Jacob Hildebrand	Jas. L. Bever	Thos. E. Ruck
W. B. Mack	Geo. L. Stearns	Wm. Thorne
A. M. Mekiel	T. M. D. Harvey	David Wormley
G. Carpenter	Monroe Ebi	J. S. Cook
	M. W. Upton	

Acting on the recommendation of the Committee on Chartered Lodges that he "visit Cedar Rapids at his earliest convenience and endeavor to restore peace and harmony among the brethren," Grand Master-Elect John Scott of Nevada made it one of his first official acts to visit Crescent Lodge. He chided the brethren for their lack of the fraternal spirit and advised that the petition for the formation of the new lodge be no longer opposed and delayed. His advice was quickly followed, for at the communication held on June 29, 1869, the recommendation was finally approved, bearing the seal of Crescent Lodge, and the signatures of Worshipful Master A. R. West and Secretary G. F. Benett.

The petition for dispensation closely followed the form and content of the previous unapproved document, but showed that the brethren were still having difficulty in deciding on a name for the new lodge. "St. John" is crossed out, and the other choice "Palestine" is also crossed out. The date set for regular meetings was the second Thursday after each full moon.

The dispensation bears the Grand Lodge inscription: "Issued July 3, 1869, Fee \$13."

Thus ended the long struggle to be born. We are told that the Goddess of Wisdom sprang full armed from the brain of Jove, but Mount Hermon issued in pain from the womb of Eris, the Goddess of Discord. Yet, begotten in patriotism, at birth it stood upright, full armed in Masonic spirit and fervor.

#### *Under Dispensation*

August 5, 1869, was the date of the first regular communication of Mount Hermon Lodge. The destruction of the records covering the first thirteen years of lodge history has blotted out much of our knowledge of these early years. Fortunately, however, we have a transcript of the minutes of the Lodge for the period it was under dispensation, since

Grand Lodge regulations required the filing of this record before issuing a charter.

Buried in the minutes of that first meeting is a slight item which is worth recording for its symbolical significance. We are told that Brother G. F. Benett presented the Lodge with a fine set of books. It is evident that the hand which had once been extended to show the petitioning brethren the way out of the lodge was now being outstretched in a gesture of Masonic goodwill and brotherhood.

There are other items in the record of that first meeting which deserve a glance. Four petitions were entertained: Geo. A. Gault petitioned for initiation into the Mysteries of Masonry; Brothers O. C. L. Jones and C. W. Eaton—both of whom were to figure prominently in later lodge history—petitioned to be admitted from Magnolia Lodge No. 20, Columbus, Ohio; Brother W. C. Brooks of Fairfield Lodge No. 20, Indiana, sought admission—He was first minister of the Universalist Church.

It is interesting also to note the record of bills allowed:

Grand Master for Dispensation .....	15.00
Bill for Jewels .....	28.00
Ballot box and Hoodwink .....	6.75
4 doz. Aprons .....	11.85
Expr. Chgs. ....	1.40
total	\$63.00

The Worshipful Master, Brother J. C. Adams, presented the Lodge with a lamb skin leather apron. He also appointed a Finance Committee consisting of Brother W. D. Watrous, T. Z. Cook, and J. P. Coulter.

Thus was launched the career of Mount Hermon Lodge.

At the September regular meeting the list of visitors included Crescent's Worshipful Master, A. R. West, and Past Master J. L. Enos, as well as other brethren from that lodge. In the succeeding months these friendly visits continued, indicating that the winds of passion and prejudice which had once sharply divided the brethren had for good and all disappeared. The record of subsequent years is one of increasing mutual fraternal intercourse between the lodges.

At the regular meeting on May 26, 1870, the transcript shows that it was carried on motion of the Senior Warden that "When we surrender our Dispensation to the Grand Lodge we request that a Charter be granted us and that an order be drawn for \$20 to pay the fees for the same."

The following month at the communication of the Grand Lodge in Davenport the Committee on Lodges U.D. reported:

Mt. Hermon No. 263, transcript good, and work regular and in

conformity with the regulations of Grand Lodge. Charter recommended.

During the year, Grand Master John Scott reported in his Address, twenty-six dispensations had been granted: "This seems like a large increase in the number of masonic families, and is so, in fact; but when it is considered that, in the same period, our jurisdiction has increased in population in a much greater ratio, and that the building of some six hundred miles of railroad has so rapidly developed localities and built up communities, it will be seen that great hardship would have been forced upon many brethren, else they would have been denied the privilege which all good Masons so highly prize."

On June 6, 1870, in accord with the Committee's recommendation, a charter was issued to Mount Hermon Lodge.

### *Charter Members of Mount Hermon*

**JAMES C. ADAMS.** First Master of the Lodge, an operative stone mason doing good work, square work, as a contractor, and beyond this, a reader, student, and thinker.

**A. SIDNEY BELT.** Brother-in-law of Brother Calvin Greene; lawyer, city attorney, and later judge—a member of the law firm of Hubbard and Belt. He lived in the brick residence that formerly stood at A Avenue and Sixth Street and which housed the offices of the Iowa Consistory before the present Consistory Building was erected.

**NICHOLAS B. BROWN.** Charter member of Crescent Lodge No. 25; by trade a millwright; builder of the first dam and the town's first saw-mill; one of original town site proprietors and a progressive city builder.

**T. Z. COOK.** Organized Company "K", First Iowa Infantry, immediately after the gun was fired upon Fort Sumpter; later Colonel of the 18th Iowa Infantry. T. Z. Cook Post of the G.A.R. bears his name.

**J. P. COULTER.** A physician; Mayor of Cedar Rapids in 1868, and later county auditor.

**EDWARD COULTER.** Son of J. P. Coulter; an express messenger on the old Dubuque and Southwestern Railroad.

**A. V. EASTMAN.** Junior member of the firm of West and Eastman, insurance and real estate; active, intelligent, resourceful, and likeable. He was secretary of Mount Hermon Lodge for several years. Later he left both the Lodge and the City, taking with him or destroying most of the records of the Lodge.

**S. B. FLEEK.** He ran a sporting goods store, the headquarters for hunters and fishermen.



**J. G. GRAVES.** A retail merchant handling books, stationery, music and musical instruments.

**GEORGE GREENE.** Charter member of Crescent Lodge; father of Brother Calvin Greene. During his lifetime Brother Greene was one of the foremost citizens of Cedar Rapids—lawyer, state representative, judge of the Supreme Court, banker, land and property owner, churchman, manufacturer, and railroad builder. A man with a cordial manner and a kind heart, with a smile and kind word and a friendly greeting for great and small alike; a progressive citizen of the early days of Cedar Rapids.

**MORTIMER A. HIGLEY.** Associated with his brother in hardware, agricultural implements, and farm machinery; his home was a center of activity.

**G. M. HOWLETT.** The town's Postmaster.

**WM. B. LEACH.** Captain of a Minnesota company in the Civil War; one of the proprietors of a flouring mill and barrel factory; state representative, Mayor, and judge of the Superior Court in Cedar Rapids.

**C. D. PETTIBONE.** A grain buyer. In 1868 when the division came in Crescent Lodge over the Westlake controversy, he was its Junior Warden while Brother Leach was its Senior Warden.

**C. B. ROWLEY.** A member of the firm of Greene, Rowley and Company, lumber, coal, and forwarding merchants.

**WESLEY STEPHENS.** Tollgate keeper at the bridge over the river at Iowa (now First) Avenue.

**H. B. STIBBS.** A member of the banking firm of Carpenter, Stibbs, and Company, the earliest banking house in Cedar Rapids. Treasurer of Crescent Lodge in 1865.

**J. H. STIBBS.** Known as "General Jack" Stibbs. One of the most popular members of the Lodge. It is said that thirty minutes after the news reached Cedar Rapids of the firing on Fort Sumpter he was out on the street with T. Z. Cook drumming up recruits. Orderly Sergeant of Company "K", later Captain of Company "D" 20th Regiment of the Iowa Infantry; then in turn Major, Lieut.-Colonel, Colonel, and Brevet-Brigadier General, U. S. Volunteers, serving until discharged on June 1, 1866. When Cedar Rapids celebrated her semi-centennial in 1906 General Jack was present as one of the main features of the occasion.

**W. D. WATROUS.** Wheelwright, blacksmith, general repair man, steamboat operator, miller and grain merchant; builder of bridges and

culverts for the Northwestern Railway between Cedar Rapids and Belle Plaine.

JOHN WEARE. Once a sawmill operator, but better known as a banker, the active manager of the banking house of Greene and Weare. A Trustee of Parson's Seminary (later Coe College), and Vice-President of Oakhill Cemetary Company.

ISAAC N. WHITTAM. A lawyer, living in a modern home on the spot now occupied by the Montrose Hotel. First Mayor of Cedar Rapids after it was incorporated as a city in 1856; later city attorney for many terms and then Police Judge. A Justice of the Peace for many years in the Nineties.

### *Mount Hermon's First Meeting Places*

With the granting of dispensation, Crescent Lodge freely offered the use of their hall as a meeting place for the newly established lodge. Mount Hermon readily accepted this offer, made in the spirit of brotherly friendliness as a gesture of goodwill between lodges.

The jointly occupied quarters were on the third floor of a three-story brick building at the southeast corner of "A" Avenue and First Street (then known as Linn and Commercial Streets). The first two floors were occupied by the firm of H. G. Angle and Company, Wholesale and Retail Dry Goods, Groceries, and Glassware.

It is interesting to revive the scene through the eyes of Dr. George P. Carpenter, the second initiate and the only member raised during the period under dispensation. He related: "We climbed up the two flights of stairs at the corner of what is now "A" Avenue and First Street. We entered a little ante-room and thence went into the lodge, a long, rather narrow room, where James C. Adams sat in the East. I am not positive, but I rather think it was A. R. West (25) who sat in the West that night. Fifty years is a long time [this memoir was set down in 1920] and my memory is not quite clear. But I do remember that the work was impressive. The lodge was carpeted, had common chairs for the members to sit in, but the stations and officers' chairs were more attractive and also the emblems."

The reference to Brother West of Crescent who sat in the West is noteworthy, since it bears out other contemporary accounts that the lodges shared in each other's work.

Two years later—on June 23, 1871, to be exact—both Lodges moved to the fourth floor of what was known as the Union Block, the home of the Union Savings Bank, a four-story brick structure at the corner of First Avenue and Second Street (then Iowa Avenue and Washington

Street). President George Greene of the B., C.R. and M. Railway (which had arrived from the south) had his offices in this block.

The Masonic Fraternity occupied all of the front part of the fourth floor facing on First Avenue and Second Street, with a fine hall and three anterooms. The hall was lighted by four handsome chandeliers carrying kerosene lamps. Entering from the first ante-room, the visitor was struck by the size and beauty of the room. It was thirty-five by sixty-five feet, and eighteen feet high. A raised and carpeted platform along each of the long sides accommodated chairs for sixty members. The center of the lodge where the floor work was done was richly carpeted with handsome weaves of green and brown in soft and pleasing tones. The office stations were handsome pedestals of black walnut, supporting squares of white marble, and the emblems were of the best materials and workmanship.

In this elegant hall six hundred members of Mount Hermon and Crescent, their wives and friends, attended the dedicatory exercises on June 23, 1871. The exercises included the joint installation of officers, Past Grand Master J. R. Hartsock officiating as installing officer. For the privilege of attending the program, banquet, and dance, each Mason was taxed three dollars, which price permitted him to take with him as many ladies as he pleased. One brother took six, notwithstanding which fact a handsome profit was realized from the occasion to pay the expenses of furnishing the hall.

The hall in the Union Block continued to be the lodge home until 1898 when the Masonic Temple was built at the northeast corner of First Avenue and First Street, the building now owned and used by the Order of Railway Conductors.

### CHAPTER III

#### DAYS OF YOUTH: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FIRST TWENTY YEARS

The statistics and records relating to the early years of Mount Hermon Lodge are included in the section of the year titled "Chronology." In the absence of the minutes of many of the early years, the record of lodge activity is necessarily somewhat sketchy. There is reason to believe, however, that this was an especially happy period in the history of the lodge from the standpoint of pleasant fraternal relations within the craft. The membership was small enough so that the brethren had an opportunity to know each other well. Funerals, we are told, brought out a large proportion of the membership—in what contrast, one might observe, to the situation in more recent times!



The lodge embraced an excellent cross section of the citizenry of Cedar Rapids, men of high and humble station in life who all met on the level in the lodge hall. A rapid mention of some of the early brethren who do not otherwise figure in this narrative will serve to suggest the various walks of life represented in Mount Hermon: George J. Whitehead, telegraph operator; B. C. Blachley, a book keeper; H. C. Waite, a music dealer with a long and honorable career in the city; J. J. Powell, a good lawyer and one of the pillars of the Baptist Church; George W. Holmes, a physician and son of Dr. Magnus Holmes, the first physician in Linn County annals (in 1874 Brother Holmes left for Oromiah, Persia, to take up missionary work); B. M. Soule, furniture manufacturer; Rev. B. F. Snooks, Universalist minister. It would be easy to extend this list to show how the professions and industries and commercial ventures of the city were represented in the lodge.

Early in October, 1871, the Masonic Lodges together with other Cedar Rapids citizens rallied to the relief of the stricken Chicagoans whose city had been devastated with the memorable fire. Several carloads of provisions were sent to the sufferers.

The year 1873-1874 was notable in that the lodge showed a gain of sixteen members, a figure exceeded only three times in the first thirty-five years of Mount Hermon. Ten of the sixteen were railroad men connected in various capacities with the B., C.R. and M. Railway, of which Past Master George Greene was President.

### *A Notable Cornerstone Laying*

On July 1, 1875, an event of considerable Masonic interest occurred in the laying of the cornerstone of "The Little Brick Church," the Universalist Church on the northeast corner of Third Avenue and Sixth Street (then Park Avenue and Monroe Street). This church, later known as "The People's Church," was the one in which Brother Joseph Fort Newton of Mount Hermon was, at a later date, to rise to national fame through the eloquence and inspiration of his preaching.

The impetus for the Masonic cornerstone laying came originally in the weekly column conducted in the *Cedar Rapids Republican* by Past Master J. L. Enos (25). It was an appropriate suggestion, since Mount Hermon's first Master, Brother J. C. Adams, was a member of the church, and its first pastor, the Reverend Brother W. C. Brooks, a man of singularly sweet and exalted character, had applied for admission to Mount Hermon at its first meeting U. D.

The ceremonies attracted one of the largest gatherings in the early history of the city, with delegations in attendance from many Iowa

lodges and several grand officers present. After the cornerstone had been laid the brethren went to the Masonic Hall where Mount Hermon exemplified the third degree.

The fiftieth anniversary of this occasion was celebrated appropriately in 1925, by which time the exterior of the church had been modified to Spanish style architecture in order to preserve the crumbling bricks.

#### *Honor to Two Mount Hermon Brethren*

On July 4, 1876, Mound Farm, the residence of the Hon. George Greene, one of the founders of Mount Hermon, was the scene of a notable gathering of Cedar Rapids citizens who gathered to do honor to one who had done much to make the city prosperous and attractive.

In the same year another of the charter members, Brother J. P. Coulter, and his wife were feted on the occasion of the golden wedding anniversary. Their home on the northeast corner of Fourth Avenue and Third Street was filled with guests.

The mention of Dr. Coulter brings up another item which occurred a year or two later. In 1878 the lodge remitted Brother Coulter's dues, he having paid dues continuously since 1824. When Secretary A. V. Eastman sent in the Grand Lodge fees they were declared fifty cents short by Grand Secretary T. S. Parvin. Brother Eastman wrote an explanatory note as follows:

We have not remitted the item of 50¢ charged back to us on the a/c, as we desire to call the attention of the G. L. more particularly to this case, where a Bro. has paid dues for about 55 yrs. I hope the act of our Lodge may be considered, as we think it should be, an act of *Charity* most worthily bestowed.

But of course if the Law is to be *strictly* construed and is like that of the *Medes* and *Persians*—we will have to bal. the a/c by a further remittance.

Faithfully and Fraternally Yours,  
A. V. Eastman,  
Secy.

It would appear from this communication of Mount Hermon's secretary that to this Lodge belong some of the credit for providing the impetus for the changes in Grand Lodge regulations which later gave special consideration to fifty-year Masons. It is not altogether clear whether the remission on Mount Hermon's part was occasioned by Brother Coulter's financial distress, or whether the Lodge simply wished to give recognition to his long period of Masonic membership. The death of Brother Coulter on May 29, 1879, closed the matter for the time being.

### *Two Lean Years*

The hard times which struck the land in the late Seventies are reflected in Mount Hermon's record for 1878 and 1879, for there were no raisings during this two year period and only two admissions, while several brethren either took their demits or were suspended for non-payment of dues, which in this period was a Masonic offense subject to formal lodge trial. Accordingly, the membership shrank from 68 at the end of 1876 to 59 at the end of 1879. However, one of the two admitted brethren was Dr. C. H. Cogswell, who later proved to be a very present source of help in the dismal, semi-moribund days of the Nineties, when there was even talk of surrendering the charter.

It is worthy of note also that in 1878 the thirty-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Cedar Rapids, the first time the city had been so honored. The selection of Cedar Rapids attested to the fact that the city's hotel facilities had been developed to the point where they could accommodate several hundred visitors comfortably.

The sessions were held at the First Baptist Church and the headquarters were at the Grand Hotel. The installation of officers took place in the Union Opera House, Greene's Opera House, the scene of many later Grand Lodge ceremonies, not having been erected.

During the year 1879 Mount Hermon was called upon to perform the last rites for two of her charter members. Dr. John P. Coulter died May 29, and Colonel T. Z. Cook passed away on Christmas Day. Both had been faithful members of the Lodge, and both had been gallant soldiers. Colonel Cook had been the first man to enlist from Linn County; Colonel Coulter had also been among the first soldiers of the county. The funerals called out all the Masonic bodies and were largely attended.

The following year two more stalwart charter members of the Lodge and founders of the city were laid to rest with Masonic honors, neither of them of especially advanced years. Judge George Greene died on June 23 at the age of 63; Nicholas B. Brown died on September 16 at the age of 66.

### *A Notable Repast*

It is easy to fall into the error of assuming that the lives of the brethren of the earlier days were frugal and unadorned with pleasures or delights. It is true that they lacked many modern conveniences which facilitate communication in our day (the first local telephone was installed in the music store of Mount Hermon's progressive Treasurer, Brother H. C. Waite in 1878), conveyances were still largely horse-drawn, electric lights were not yet in use.



But in the culinary department the modern brother must bow deeply to his forerunner in the Eighties. Witness the following menu for the banquet and reception tendered on January 29, 1880, by Mount Hermon and Crescent Lodges to honor Grand Master A. C. Abbott. The Northwestern Hotel (afterwards the Clifton, which was burned and replaced by the present Allison Hotel) furnished the following meal at \$1:50 *per couple*:

### MENU

	Blue Point Oysters	
	Raw	
	Select Oysters	
Stewed	Fried	Escalloped

### COLDS

Turkey with Jelly		Pressed Corn Beef
	Chicken	
	Smoked Buffalo Tongue	
Boned Turkey		Beef Tongue
Sardines		Ham

### GAME

Leg of Elk	Saddle of Antelope	Wild Turkey
Teal Duck	Green-Winged Teal	Mallard Duck
	Wild Goose	Jack Rabbit
Leg of Venison		Buffalo Tongue

### RELISHES

Celery	Chow-Chow	Mixed Pickles
Halford Sauce		Queen Olives

### DESSERTS

Vanilla Ice Cream	Lemon Ice	Lemon Jelly
Cranberry Jelly		Pineapple Jelly
Angel Food Cake	Fruit Cake	Chocolate Cake
Hickory Nut Cake		Cream Cake
Pound Cake	White Cake	Marble Cake
	Assorted Bon-Bons	Kisses
	Florida Oranges	
California Grapes		Catawba Grapes
Apples	Figs	Pecans
Filberts		English Walnuts
	Soft-Shell Almonds	Assorted Nuts
	Gunther's Mixed Candy	
Green Tea	Black Tea	Coffee
		Iced Milk

### *Better Times*

The report for the year ending May 1, 1880, showed some improvement in conditions. Eleven initiations are listed. At the head of the list is the name of Brother Calvin C. Greene, son of the illustrious Judge Greene. He was twenty-three at the time of his initiation and had lately come home from attending Princeton College to settle down in the law and real estate business. At this writing he is still alive, the oldest living member of Mount Hermon Lodge both in years of Masonic service and in actual age—a true Patriarch of the Lodge.

The Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1880 show that Mount Hermon had ceased to be a "moon lodge", that is to say, a lodge which regulated its time of meeting with reference to the full moon. In the early years Crescent's stated or regular meeting had come on the Monday after the full moon, and Mount Hermon's on the Thursday of the same week, when the footsteps of the brethren about the darkened town would be illuminated by moonlight. When, in the late Seventies, the city provided artificial lights for the streets, it became feasible to regulate the meeting by the calendar. On July 2, 1877, Crescent amended its by-laws to provide for its stated meeting on the first Monday of each month. Mount Hermon evidently followed suit soon after, changing its time to the first Thursday of the month. In the absence of the minutes of the Lodge it is impossible to fix the date of this action precisely, but it is at least a couple years prior to the time it is reflected in the Proceedings mentioned above.

At a special meeting on September 11, 1883, the Lodge adopted a resolution which was instrumental in bringing to Cedar Rapids the permanent quarters of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge Library, whose previous nomadic existence had followed the vagaries of Grand Secretary T. S. Parvin's residence: The resolution read as follows:

Resolved, that for the purpose of securing the locating and building of the Grand Lodge Library at Cedar Rapids, in accordance with the proposition made by the Masons of Cedar Rapids to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge that Mt. Hermon Lodge No. 263 does hereby authorize and instruct the W.M. to pledge the credit of said lodge for that purpose in the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500) or so much thereof as shall be the share of the Lodge to perfect the contract with the Grand Lodge in accordance with the terms proposed and agreed upon with the Com. of the Cedar Rapids Masonic bodies and the Com. of the M.W. Grand Lodge.

The cornerstone of the Grand Lodge Library was laid May 7, 1884, with impressive ceremonies and in the presence of many visiting digni-

taries and representatives from other Iowa lodges. In the evening a special meeting of Mount Hermon was convened for the purpose of conferring the Third Degree on Fellow Craft F. E. Flanagan. The Grand Master of Iowa, G. B. Van Saun, sat in the East, while the West was occupied by C. T. Granger, Grand Senior Warden, who was elected Grand Master at the 1884 communication. Names of visiting brethren occupy two pages in the minutes.

### *The Late Eighties*

Dr. G. E. Coggsell, Worshipful Master Elect, inaugurated his four-year period of service in June, 1884. During this period the membership remained at 120, despite the fact that thirty-two brethren were raised, the difference being accounted for by numerous demissions and suspensions for non-payment of dues, the latter cause being a Masonic offense subject to formal trial procedure. It is sorrowing to discover the names of some of the oldest members of the Lodge among those suspended. On November 13, 1884, the first Master of the Lodge, Brother J. C. Adams was suspended; the following January the same action was taken against Ed. Coulter, another charter member; the following year the name of H. B. Stibbs is found among those of eight suspended brethren; and in January, 1887, Past Master W. J. Chrisler, who a decade previously had served the Lodge for two years, was suspended.

## CHAPTER IV

### OF LAWFUL AGE: ESTABLISHING THE FOUNDATION

#### *Weathering the Nineties*

As we enter the Nineties we find that death, demissions, and suspensions had reduced the original group of twenty-two charter members to five: Brothers Graves Higley, Leach, Stephens, and Whittam. Since 1883 (the year Secretary A. V. Eastman left, taking with him or destroying the Lodge records and minutes from its organization) the Lodge had averaged an increase of only one member a year. It is no wonder that there began to be talk of surrendering the charter.

At this juncture an aggressive and persistent brother, Dr. Charles H. Coggsell, succeeded to the East. During his term of service in 1891, twenty-one brethren were raised. An appropriate number, since it was also Mount Hermon's twenty-first year of existence. Also a large number, for the Lodge had never before raised so many in a single year, and did not again until the flourishing days of the new century brought the



prosperous times that were climaxed by the raising of 104 brethren in 1920.

On Sunday afternoon, October 15, 1893, Mount Hermon Lodge met in special communication for the purpose of administering last Masonic rites to a departed brother, the Worshipful Master A. S. Keyes. A large number of visiting brethren from Crescent and other lodges were in attendance.

The Senior Warden, Brother F. W. Shafer, was elected by the Lodge to fill out the term of office, a circumstance which gave rise to a later complication when the Grand Lodge Code was amended to require that a brother serve a full year as Master in order to be entitled to the honors of a Past Master. The matter was happily cleared up to everyone's satisfaction by the ruling of Grand Master D. W. Clements in August, 1909, which read, in part:

. . . It is a well settled rule that statutes will be construed as prospective and operating in the future only unless the intention to give it retroactive effect is clearly and plainly expressed, and retroactive laws are given only that circumscribed construction that shall be consistent with the language and legislative intent. The amendment to Sect. 291 contains no language making it retroactive. In the contrary, it relates solely to the future, its language being "No member *shall* be entitled" etc. Nor does it contain any language showing it was intended thereby to deprive anyone of the honors of a Past Master which he then had. And if the Grand Lodge possessed that power, clear and explicit language would have been necessary to its exercise:—

I am therefore compelled to decide that Brother F. W. Shafer's rights as a Past Master were not affected by the said amendment to Sect. 291, and that as he had been for several years prior to its adoption, a Past Master, he is still one and entitled to all the honors pertaining thereto. The defendant Lodge is therefore hereby directed to acknowledge and treat him as such Past Master.

D. W. Clements  
Grand Master of Masons in Iowa

In the latter months of 1894 the peace and harmony of the Lodge was ruffled somewhat by the fantastic operations of one George William Bailey, a mentally irresponsible brother who had been a member of the Lodge for only a short time. He was charged on October 4 with gross un-Masonic conduct and brought to trial and finally expelled on December 7.

Brother C. H. Cogswell was again elected Worshipful Master in 1894 and for the two succeeding terms. In 1896 the Finance Committee, reporting on the condition of the Lodge, paid tribute to the improve-

ment under Dr. Cogswell's leadership, during which the membership was increased and a debt of \$22 replaced by a cash balance of \$2281.71.

On January 3, 1895, Mount Hermon admitted a brother, William R. Boyd, who was beginning a distinguished career in journalism and public service. He was originally raised in Cedar Lodge No. 11, Tipton. Next to Brother Calvin Greene he holds the longest record of Masonic service in the Lodge.

Brother Charles D. Huston, another Mount Hermon member with a long and distinguished career as a public servant, was advanced from the chair of Junior Warden to that of Worshipful Master in 1897, and served with distinction for four years.

On June 24, 1897, the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple (now the O.R.C. Building) was laid by Grand Master A. R. Dewey in the presence of the Grand Lodge of Iowa and with appropriate ceremony. The project had been under discussion for several years, the intention being to erect a five or six story building which would furnish adequate lodge accommodations for Mount Hermon and Crescent Lodges as well as other local Masonic bodies, a grand auditorium large enough to accommodate the Grand Lodge, and sufficient offices rooms to provide the income necessary to make the plan financially feasible. It was to be financed by the Masonic Temple Association, shares in which were held by brethren and by the Lodges.

#### *A New Home and a New Century*

To these new quarters Mount Hermon moved in May, 1898—their third lodge home. Unfortunately the financial foundation of this venture was not so secure as the physical foundation. Eight years later the Lodge liquidated its shares in the M.T.A., carried on the books as worth \$4,020.00, for \$804.00. Even after possession of the Temple had passed from the hands of the Association the Lodge continued to occupy its quarters there, though the steady growth in membership in the new century presently raised the need for a new hall and occasioned the removal in 1911 to the Consistory Building where it has remained ever since.

On September 15, 1901, the brethren were assembled in a Lodge of Sorrow "to honor the memory of our late distinguished brother, President William McKinley, whose death resulted from the cowardly blow of an assassin." Grand Secretary N. R. Parvin, the Grand Historian Joseph E. Morcombe (25), and Brother W. G. Dows spoke.

A trivial item in the business of the January 1, 1903, meeting is suggestive of the growth of the lodge. It was moved to purchase a tyler's book for members and visitors to register. Previously this data had

been entered by the secretary in his minutes. When the meetings were infrequent and the attendance small, this was no particular chore, but now it was becoming harder for the secretary to continue this practice.

Another indication of prosperous times is the fact that thirteen petitions were acted upon at the meeting of December 3, 1903. A recent amendment to the by-laws raised the fees to forty dollars (six years later they were raised to fifty dollars).

The old tyler, Brother Zelotus Farr of Crescent, who had served both lodges faithfully since 1883, laid down his tyler's sword in January 1904 and died April 2.

An analysis of the attendance record for the year 1908—which stands midway in this chronicle—is a useful statistical straw to show how the wind was blowing. During the slim days of the Eighties and early Nineties the number of special meetings was small and the record of work slight. By 1908, however, this had all changed. In addition to the twelve stated meetings, there were thirty-two special meetings. The average attendance at the regular meetings was between 25 and 30, five of whom were visitors; at the special meetings the average was 35 with about a dozen visitors.

The visitors who so frequently graced the Lodge represented many different lodges, but the most faithful and persistent were brethren from Crescent, whose names were generally found among those occupying stations pro tem. The very mention of their names calls back memories of some of the most respected and devoted Masons of the community: John W. Henderson, A. L. Sylvester, John T. Hamilton, Charles B. Whelpley, Taylor Carpenter, Joseph B. Miller, Joseph E. Morcombe. As Past Masters and holders of other Crescent offices they knew the ritual well and were glad to assist in the conferring of degrees when Mount Hermon happened to be short of proficient brethren.

In 1909 the Secretary reported that only \$69 was owing the Lodge in back dues—a relatively small amount considering how the Lodge had grown and recalling that a decade previously it had been necessary in one year to suspend fifteen brethren for N.P.D. The good record testified to the Secretary's industry. It was accordingly moved that his compensation be increased so that he would receive \$100 a year, his lodge dues, and 5% of all dues collected—the latter proviso evidently an incentive arrangement.

The outstanding social occasion of 1910 was the gala reception for Grand Master D. W. Clements, with 285 at the banquet to hear addresses by the guest of honor, and by P.G.M. Brother W. L. Eaton and Crescent's Brother John W. Barry, Past Deputy Grand Master.



As we close this account of the mid-period of Mount Hermon's history, the Lodge was acting on the proposition of the Consistory Fidelity Company relative to a rental proposition for their prospective new quarters. Since the turn of the century the membership had virtually doubled and now stood at 279, which made Mount Hermon twelfth in size among the lodges in this jurisdiction.

## CHAPTER V

1911 - 1920

WORTHY AND WELL-QUALIFIED: YEARS OF PROGRESS

### *Pre-War Days*

"This being our first meeting in the new Consistory Building," Secretary Clements noted in his minutes for the meeting of February 2, 1911. As sometimes happens, this change of location ushered in a new era of prosperity for the Lodge. The curve of increase in membership which had been mounting steadily in the new century suddenly began to shoot up very sharply. The first ten years of the present century had seen the membership accumulation of the previous thirty years doubled. The next five years were to see even this figure doubled.

The vigor of the Lodge is immediately apparent to anyone who turns the pages of the Secretary's minutes for these years. The activity accelerated so rapidly that it became necessary every few years to adjust the Secretary's compensation in keeping with the increasing volume of business thrust upon his shoulders.

The minutes proclaim frequent gala social occasions—more than can be even briefly alluded to here—with distinguished visitors and much flow of oratory and show of good fellowship. Since Cedar Rapids had grown apace as a city and was favored by its central location, the Grand Lodge frequently selected it as the seat of the annual communication—sixteen times has the city been so honored. And the presence of two of the outstanding lodges of this jurisdiction insured an annual visitation from the Grand Master and other Grand Officers.

During this period the Mount Hermon Triple Male Quartette was organized by a dozen vocally gifted brethren. It frequently added a pleasing variation to the rendition of the ritual and delighted the brethren and their guests on many a social occasion.

On February 27, 1913, the first of the annual Festival Lodges was held. This soon became the outstanding social event of the year for a mixed Masonic gathering. The story of this annual occasion is summarized elsewhere in this volume.

The study side of Masonry, which scholarly brethren in the Grand Lodge like Grand Master Block of Davenport and others were urging, was not neglected. The special meeting on April 17, 1913, is a sample, for on this occasion two hundred brethren assembled to hear Brother Robert D. Graham of Denver deliver his address on "The Hidden Mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry." The Secretary described it as "a rare treat and very much enjoyed."

In January, 1915, Brother Harry A. Palmer was installed as Worshipful Master. One of the first actions of the Lodge was to vote that copies of Brother Joseph Fort Newton's instructive Masonic booklet, "The Builders", be distributed to the brethren raised in Mount Hermon the previous year—*fifty-two* in number, the greatest number raised in a single year to that time. It was also voted to send copies of the work to fifteen distinguished foreign Masons.

The outstanding Masonic gathering of this year was the joint communication with Crescent Lodge on May 17 for the purpose of receiving appropriately and forwarding the "Traveling Bible" on its pilgrimage. Nearly 500 brethren—150 of them from outside the city—assembled for this occasion, a feature of which was the raising of Brother Luther Brewer by Crescent Lodge.

### *The War Boom*

By this date, of course, World War I had broken out beyond the seas, but this fact is not immediately reflected in the minutes. One of the earliest echoes of the war is the account of a meeting September 7, 1916, at which Brother J. F. Newton, who was to be pastor of City Temple, London, during the war years, told of his Masonic experiences in England and Scotland. But the patriotic motifs which adorned the fifth annual Festival Lodge on Washington's Birthday in 1917 leave no doubt that the brethren—as indeed the rest of the country—had become military conscious.

The meeting on June 1, 1917, called particular attention to military service. The roll was called of brethren who had enlisted. It included several who had fought with General "Black Jack" Pershing in the Mexican Border skirmishes of 1915-1916: Roy Carnegie, Charles Penningroth, Jack Schmidt, A. Martin Smith, and John Madden—all of whom had since joined up to fight Germany.

Later in 1917—on September 12—Mount Hermon gave its farewell to Brother Joseph Newton as he left for his wartime pastorate in London. A newspaper clipping preserved in the minutes hails this Masonic adieu as "the greatest ever." More than six hundred brethren participated.

The toastmaster was Brother Joseph Soukup, whose ready repartee and good-natured friendliness especially equipped him to preside at such an occasion.

More and more brethren were becoming proficiency conscious. The minutes frequently record through these years the holding of "schools of instruction." Past Master Harry Palmer, who had qualified as a District Lecturer, was particularly active in encouraging this work which has resulted in Mount Hermon's being well supplied with brethren who can take part in the exemplification of the ritual.

The purchase in October, 1917, of bonds totaling \$1000 of the 2nd Liberty Loan suggests that the Lodge was flourishing financially. Indeed, the report at the end of the year showed that its resources totaled \$11,924.03. The Lodge voted to pay the 1918 dues of members in Service from the lodge funds and send the receipts as Christmas presents.

The impact of war conditions is shown in the news clipping pasted in the minutes early in 1918: "Issue drastic fuel order," the headline read: "Close lodges and clubs for February by regulation of local Administrator." Mount Hermon's regular meeting was held notwithstanding, however; perhaps in a frigid room. For obvious reasons, the annual Festival Lodge was omitted, and, in keeping with orders to conserve food and flour, repasts and refreshments were cut down. Later that year the memorable influenza epidemic eliminated the Thanksgiving celebration.

The high cost of living and inflationary trend of the days after the War are reflected in the increase of the fees from \$50 to \$75 by the action of the Lodge in August, 1919. The enormous number of raisings the following year—one hundred and four!—was evidence that the increased cost of the degrees was no deterrent to the growing parade of new members. For the six-year period from 1914 to 1919 nearly three hundred brethren had been raised, suspensions were negligible, and admissions more than offset losses through demits and deaths.

## CHAPTER VI

### The Twenties

#### WELL-RECOMMENDED

The decade of the Twenties was launched with an extraordinary spurt of activity, for in 1920 Mount Hermon raised 104 brethren. During the same period Crescent Lodge raised 153, and at least five other lodges in the Iowa jurisdiction raised in excess of 100. To handle this great volume of degree work, lodge was frequently opened as early as 7:00 in the morning and continued all day! At times the operations approached



the efficiency of an assembly line when co-operating Mount Hermon brethren exemplified a portion of the degree in one part of the building, and Crescent brethren concluded the work in another part. The minutes for March 28, for example, show that 35 brethren were Brought to Light and 7 were raised.

The rigors and pressures of the times took a toll of lives. In a short span of the summer of 1920 Mount Hermon was called upon to perform the last rites for M. O. Camburn, Kent C. Ferman, Hugh W. McLeod, and Fred. A. Allen.

On March 31, 1921, "in recognition of efficient and faithful service during a long number of years," the Lodge voted that Secretary J. J. Clements should have "a long vacation for the balance of the year with full pay and the hope that he may fully recover his health." Past Master Harry A. Palmer was appointed secretary pro tem, and thus began his long career in that office which he served with distinction until he retired from it in 1943.

On May 19, 1921, Mount Hermon raised a shy young man of twenty-nine whose Masonic career proved to be short (he was suspended for N.P.D. three years later), but whose fame as an artist has resounded throughout the land. Shortly after he was raised Wood painted "The First Three Degrees of Freemasonry," a work of exceptional merit in execution and of great Masonic significance, which now hangs in the Masonic Library as the result of the generous gift of Brother Otto A. Schoitz of Waterloo. In view of the excellent insight into the deeper meaning of Masonry which is shown in this fine painting, one may charitably withhold judgment of censure of the artist's motives in allowing his membership to lapse. It is clear, however, to the reader of Wood's biography that at this early point in his career (which was cut tragically short by his death in 1942 at the age of fifty) he had financial difficulties, which indeed he was never quite able to shake off.

On Armistice Day, 1924, Mount Hermon held a special reception honoring Brother Ernest R. Moore, its first member to have been favored with election as Most Worshipful Grand Master. Other Grand Officers in attendance included Fred G. Hansen, D.G.M., Charles A. Dewey, S.G.W., C. C. Hunt, D.G. Secretary, T. J. Wellington, P.S.G.W., and W. H. Young, P.G.T. Brother Joseph Soukup presided as Master of Ceremonies. Past Master Almon S. Reed (25) read the address Brother William R. Boyd had prepared for the occasion. It is interesting to note that among the officers mentioned above, four were later Grand Masters, and with the death of Grand Secretary N. R. Parvin the next

year Brother Hunt, appointed by the Grand Master to fill out the term, began his long career.

Through the years—indeed, until he concluded his service in 1943—one of the outstanding features of the annual meeting in January of each year was the comprehensive report presented by Secretary Palmer. It not only described the condition of the Lodge and the progress made during the past year but also ventured certain recommendations for the good of the craft which Brother Palmer, by virtue of his temperament and his experience in the Lodge, was well equipped to give.

In his report for 1924 Brother Palmer regretted the unusual number of suspensions (nine) for N.P.D. in spite of exhausting every effort. He also noted the need for a visiting committee to share the responsibility of the officers of the line in taking notice of sick and bed-ridden brethren.

In July, 1926, the Lodge set up its so-called Temporary Charity Fund, whose resources—set aside from current funds and contributed at free meals—were to be expended at the discretion of the Worshipful Master and the Secretary.

Brother Palmer's report at the close of 1927 took occasion to summarize two developments during his seven years as secretary: membership had increased 25% (in round figures, from 800 to 1000); assets had increased 80% (in round figures, from \$25,000 to \$44,000).

In view of these prosperous circumstances it is scarcely surprising that there should be some agitation for new quarters. In October, 1928, a communication from Crescent suggested the appointment of a committee to "deliberate upon, and recommend to their respective bodies ways and means for the provision of new quarters." Such a committee was appointed, but the general decline of prosperity which followed the stock market crash the following year, discouraged building enterprise for the time being.

In September, 1929, a program on Masonic Service led by P.G.M. Ernest R. Moore on behalf of the Masonic Service Committee helped to set in motion an interesting train of events, for out of this meeting came a resolution on the forming of a joint committee of Cedar Rapids lodges on plans and policies of mutual profit and interest. Thus was born the Blue Lodge Committee on Inter-Relations, with Past Masters Harry A. Palmer and O. L. Leefers representing Mount Hermon.

One of the first social occasions planned by the Blue Lodge Committee was the Stag Party and Smoker on November 21, 1929, attended by 600 brethren. The gay and busy Twenties thus ended with the birth of a committee dedicated to the task of bringing together the Masonic Breth-

ren of Cedar Rapids into a closer bond of fellowship. It was good to have just such an agency functioning through the lean days of the Depression which lurked just around the corner.

## CHAPTER VII

1930 - 1940

### DEPRESSION YEARS

As early as January, 1929, Brother Palmer had begun to advise prudence in the handling of moneys as it became apparent that the boom days of the Twenties had about run their course. Operating costs were steadily increasing without a corresponding increase in income. The need for such prudence became all too apparent in the Thirties as the membership steadily declined, raisings became fewer and fewer and calls for charity became more and more insistent.

The need for a visiting committee which the Secretary had stressed in his report for 1924, he repeated again in 1929. The requisite action was finally forthcoming in 1931 when Worshipful Master E. E. Lowe appointed Brother E. L. Dieman as chairman of the Sick Committee, with the duty of calling on ailing brethren and keeping the Lodge informed of their condition. A more fortunate choice could scarcely have been made than of Brother Dieman, who has faithfully and diligently performed the duties since the inception of the committee.

The eighty-sixth birthday of Mount Hermon's patriarchal tyler, Brother Morris B. Dodge, was observed on March 17, 1932. At the same time the youngest members of the Lodge—those raised in 1931 or admitted in that year—were also honored.

Meanwhile various signs of the distressed times began to accumulate. The Blue Lodge Committee made arrangements to organize relief locally for members of outside lodges. On August 4, a Special Committee on Fraternal Relief was set up with \$500 set aside for their work, which they were privileged to perform without the necessity of reporting in detail.

As 1932 closed, Brother Palmer had to report a shrinkage in membership for the second straight year. Five had been lost in 1931; this year saw the membership total drop by 17. Not since 1905, when one was lost, or 1896, when 14 were lost, had the Lodge failed to show a gain, usually a substantial gain.

Fewer raisings, coupled with the three D's—Deaths, Demissions, and Delinquent Dues—continued to reduce the membership through the mid-Thirties. A special committee was set up on Delinquent Dues to investi-



gate all cases and recommend remission in cases of genuine distress or inability to pay. In this way a substantial reduction was brought about in the number of suspensions for N.P.D.

At the end of 1933 Brother Palmer reported that "we have reached the point where we are spending nearly half of our income for charitable relief and are now cutting into our assets for this purpose." It would be necessary, he thought, to start selling securities to pay operating expenses in 1934.

During this period degree work was at a minimum. The average was under one raising a month, in some years one raising every two months. In view of this fact it is interesting to report that work toward ritualistic proficiency continued. Schools of instruction are noted frequently in the minutes.

The Blue Lodge Committee also did not flag its efforts to bring outstanding Masonic speakers to the craft. Each year had its quota of interesting and edifying gatherings, some attracting attendances of five or six hundred.

On September 6, 1934, the Worshipful Master, Brother P. W. Jacobson, officiated at the Masonic funeral of Brother A. B. Stolba. Three days later, by one of the ironies of circumstance, he himself was dead, having succumbed suddenly in a local hotel in Cascade, Iowa, following a heart attack while driving back from a visit to Dubuque. His passing was deeply mourned by the brethren of Mount Hermon, as well as of the Cedar Rapids Blue Lodges, who loved him for his unpretentious humility and his unfailing kindness. He was the second Worshipful Master of Mount Hermon to die while serving the Lodge, the other being Brother A. S. Keyes, who died in 1893.

The Educational Committee under the Leadership of Past Master J. B. Finney and other brethren interested in the scholarly side of Masonry promoted a number of interesting talks and discussions which instructively filled the void occasioned by reduced degree work. Brother Fred Witousek's paper on "The Two Pillars of the Temple," which he presented in April, 1935, is a sample of the work of this group.

On October 24 Past Master David Mitchell addressed the craft entertainingly and informatively on the degree work as exemplified in his native Scotland.

By the end of 1935 the Secretary was able to report that there were no dues delinquent for that year. This did not mean, of course, that every member had paid in full, but every case of delinquent payment had been settled in some definite way. He was also forced to observe

that income was steadily declining, interest rates on invested funds were declining, and the need of watching expense was greater than ever.

In September, 1936, the Educational Committee arranged an exemplification of the Scottish Third Degree under the direction of Brother Mitchell, who had interested the brethren in the subject the previous year. Three hundred were on hand to share in this experience.

A number of interesting Masonic functions stand out in 1937 during the incumbency of Brother Earl B. Delzell, who has since been made Grand Secretary. In February the Inter-Relations Committee sponsored a joint meeting which was addressed by the Grand Master, Tom B. Throckmorton, on the subject, "Morganism, Mormonism, and Masonry." On April 15, the Cedar Rapids High Twelve Club conferred the Third Degree on Brother J. J. Janda. The following week the City Fire Department, with Chief E. P. Kohout in the East, conferred the degree on a brother fireman. In May Brother Realff Ottesen, P.S.G.W., spoke on the "Mystic Letter." In September there was an Inter-Relations joint meeting honoring Brother Harry A. Palmer, Grand Master, and Grand Secretary C. C. Hunt. A number of distinguished guests were present. In October P.G.M. Burton H. Saxton of the Masonic Service Committee officiated at a "Table Lodge," explaining the origin. Six toasts and responses were given, Brother M. B. Dodge giving the "Tyler's Toast."

A dramatic group presented Carl H. Claudy's Masonic play, "A Rose Upon the Altar," in December.

As we round out the Thirties we find the membership still on a downgrade. The nadir of the decline was reached in 1941, after which the membership reversed its course of the previous decade and began once again to show a healthy increase. At the close of 1939 Brother E. R. Moore, Mount Hermon's treasurer since 1909, relinquished his office in favor of Brother Otto Hanzlik.

It was a lean decade indeed, financially and in terms of membership growth, but in other respects it is a decade crowded with Masonic experiences of a worthwhile nature. It would be a sorry mistake to write the Thirties off as a loss.

## CHAPTER VIII

1940 - 1945

### WORLD WAR II: FULL SPEED AHEAD

By 1940 the suspensions for N.P.D. had dropped to three, the lowest figure since the early Twenties. The number of raising had increased to fourteen, the largest number in a decade. These signs point to an im-

provement of conditions. Both 1940 and 1941 would have shown a gain in membership if there had not been an unusually large number of deaths—41 for the two year period.

Again the imminence of war was producing an increased consciousness of patriotism. At the Grand Master's official visit in October, 1940, the advancement of the colors was made a feature of the ceremony.

In December, 1940, the Blue Lodge Committee on Inter-Relations broached the subject of a new lodge in Cedar Rapids. Mizpah Lodge No. 639 had been established in 1922 by a group of brethren demitting chiefly from Mount Hermon who felt the need for a lodge which was smaller than the two well-established lodges and which would provide opportunities for wider participation. Mount Hermon gave its blessing to the new venture and voted \$250 toward its support.

By 1940 all three of the local Blue Lodges were among the largest operating in this jurisdiction, and it was felt by some that it was time again to put forth another seedling lodge. But having just come through a period when there had scarcely been work enough to sustain three lodges, much less four, Mount Hermon frowned on the proposition of the Inter-Relations Committee.

A Masonic play, "Low Twelve," written and produced by Brother Fred C. Henson, was presented on January 23, 1941, and earned the enthusiastic commendation of the Lodge, and a command re-showing before the three Blue Lodges on April 30.

The annual simultaneous meeting proclaimed by the Grand Master for April 14, 1941, gave prominence to the flag presentation. Once our country had actually entered the strife, patriotic observances became an expected part of many of the gatherings.

A pleasant and gracious visit occurred on November 5, 1942, when nine (officers) Royal Arch Masons were present to pay their respects to Worshipful Master Edwin E. Hruska, Secretary of Trowel Chapter.

The Secretary's report at the close of this year suggested that things had gone unusually well: "Our attendance has been a record-breaker. Morale has been at high pitch." Twenty-three raisings point to the resumption of a comfortable rate of increase.

In 1943 a circumstance occurred which was new in Mount Hermon history: resignation of the Worshipful Master for reason of service in the Armed Forces of the United States. Brother Harry K. Burmeister was succeeded in the office of Worshipful Master by Brother T. Hubert DeWees, Senior Warden, at a special election October 7, 1943. At the regular meeting in December an interesting ceremony occurred when the presentation of the Past Master's jewel to Brother Burmeister was repro-

duced for the Lodge from a recording disc together with a speech of acceptance and a message to the Lodge from the recipient of the honor.

Secretary Harry A. Palmer, who had served in that capacity since 1921 when Brother Clements relinquished his duties, retired from the office at the close of 1943. The concise and always clear and readable minutes he recorded are a model of the secretarial art. His annual reports—which are part statistical digest and part pastoral letter advising and admonishing and congratulating the craft as circumstances required—comprise an excellent brief history of the year by year fortunes of Mount Hermon Lodge.

At the installation ceremonies on January 13, 1944, a fitting tribute to the retiring secretary was paid by Past Master H. J. Manchester, and Past Grand Master E. R. Moore presented him with a set of American history books, the gift of the Lodge. He was succeeded in the office by Past Master O. Lee Eckert.

### *Crowning Seventy-Five Years*

Two Masonic events occurring in close proximity in June, 1945, stand out in the record for the final year of this chronicle. On June 14 Mount Hermon Lodge celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary at a dinner attended by 356 brethren of the Lodge and their invited guests. Frederic M. Miller, Associate Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court, was the guest speaker. The historical review of the Lodge prepared by Brother Harry A. Palmer received particular acclaim for the skillful manner in which the highlights of the past together with many other interesting facts were pertinently woven together.

The out-of-town Masonic visitors to this anniversary celebration included Grand Master William L. Perkins and his son, Ensign William of Chariton, Deputy Grand Master Prentiss B. Cleaves of Cherokee, Grand Treasurer Frank Noble of Des Moines, Grand Marshall Roy Parry of Albia, and Noel W. Cloud of Chariton, member of the Grand Lodge Finance Committee.

The following week the Grand Master returned to install Past Master Earl B. Delzell as Grand Secretary succeeding Brother Charles C. Hunt, who retired because of ill health and advancing age. Also installed was George E. Farmer of Crescent Lodge as Deputy Grand Secretary. This memorable installation took place during an interlude in degree work which was sufficiently out of the ordinary to deserve mention itself, for it was LaPlant-Choate Night. A complete First Degree cast made up of Mount Hermon members introduced and brought to light a fellow em-



ployee, George Kelly of LaPlant-Choate Company. The head man of the team was Mount Hermon's Junior Warden, Lloyd George.

### *In Conclusion*

Thus closes the necessarily sketchy and incomplete chronicle of the ups and downs of seventy-five years. Brethren who lived through some of the years will find hints and references which will recall to their minds, through the magic of memory, the fuller story of events. The casual mention of a departed brother's name will bring back the full impact of his living personality. Younger brethren and those of years to come may gain some inspiration as they peruse this record of the efforts of their forerunners.

A modern educator has remarked that too many people today are "ignorant of the minutes of the previous meeting," by which he referred, of course, to a working knowledge of the past. In its inadequate way this chronicle has sought to supply "the minutes of the previous meeting" in handier form than one would find them if he undertook to wrestle with the nine dusty, fact-crammed tomes that carry the fuller story.

**PART TWO: TOPICAL**

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## CHAPTER I

### ANNUAL OBSERVANCES

Over the years there have been certain occasions whose annual observance has given them the status of institutions. But just as institutions are subject to decline and decay so have some of these occasions, once celebrated with considerable enthusiasm, been supplanted or discarded. The five which are mentioned in this chapter stand out in Mount Hermon history although some of them have long since been abandoned.

#### *St. John's Day-in-Summer*

The Holy Saints John—John the Baptist and John the Evangelist—occupy a place of special eminence in Masonic lore. The festival day of the former is at the summer solstice, June 24; that of the latter, at the winter solstice, December 27. Locally the celebration of St. John's Day-in-Winter has traditionally been the province of Crescent Lodge No. 25, where the first observance occurred December 28, 1903. The invitation issued for the first meeting stated that the day was "to be forever known as Past Masters' Day," and the custom of honoring the Past Masters of Crescent Lodge at the winter festival has continued in unbroken succession to the present.

Mount Hermon's celebration of St. John's Day-in-Summer has long since been relinquished, in part perhaps because of the practical difficulties of assembling the brethren for an indoors mid-summer gathering, but its first celebration antedates Crescent's by two years. The minutes of June 6, 1901, carry the following:

"Communication from Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Green was read, the same being an invitation to Mount Hermon Lodge to attend in a body, on June 24, 1901, Services at Grace Church—it being the Feast of St. John the Baptist, a patron of our order. It was moved and seconded that the invitation be accepted and the Lodge attend in a body."

The following year the custom was repeated, with Crescent Lodge also opening in an adjoining room, and all the brethren, together with some sixty visitors, being formed in procession by Past Master C. B. Whelpley (25) as Marshal. They marched to Grace Church where they listened to the service and an eloquent address by the Reverend Brother Thomas E. Green (263) on "The Master's Word." Later the procession was reformed and returned to the lodge rooms for closing and refreshments served by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

The program for the St. John's Day observance June 22, 1905, suggests that—as in the Crescent Lodge tradition—the day was given special

significance for Past Masters, for on this occasion the stations were filled with Past Masters as Brother H. W. Miller was raised. Following the closing, a banquet was given by Past Master Chas. H. Cogswell to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of his being a Master Mason. An unusual flow of oratory was insured by the presence of the Hon. S. C. Huber of Tama, Judge B. H. Miller of Anamosa, John W. Barry, Worshipful Master of Crescent Lodge, and the Hon. Geo. W. Ball of Iowa City, P.G.M. A hundred visitors joined the Mount Hermon brethren on this occasion.

For the next ten years the St. John's Day celebration followed this pattern with few lapses. Past Masters occupied the stations in the raisings; oratory and good food characterized the banquets. Attendance ran between two and three hundred, often with more visitors than members of Mount Hermon.

By 1920 interest had evidently begun to lag, for that year the attendance was smaller and the special program was dispensed with. Four years later Grand Secretary Newton R. Parvin wrote early in the year suggesting that plans be laid for observance in June, but the minutes do not disclose that arrangements ever materialized. Subsequent minutes do not show that there has been any concerted effort to revive the traditional celebration.

### *Thanksgiving Day*

The desirability of a social occasion in late fall and the conjunction of Thanksgiving with Mount Hermon's meeting day gave rise to the custom of celebrating Thanksgiving in the Lodge. For a ten-year period beginning in 1909 the minutes reveal that the day was made the occasion for gatherings which at least three or four times were the gala festivals of their year. Frequently Past Masters were honored and assisted in the conferring of degrees. Food and oratory were also part of the usual trappings.

The special communication on November 30, 1911, was particularly impressive. It was reported at some length in the daily press, which noted:

"Of all the Thanksgiving celebrations held in Cedar Rapids yesterday certainly none was more enjoyable, nor more in keeping with the spirit of the day than that of Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263, A.F. & A.M. There was a large attendance, fine music, a superb turkey banquet, and speeches by several Past Grand and Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, together with other speeches by many of the members of the Lodge and visiting brethren. These addresses were of an unusually high order of merit, thoroughly in



keeping with the true spirit of the Thanksgiving season. And the work of the evening in the lodge room was perhaps the most memorable in the entire history of the Lodge."

The speakers included Past Grand Master, Judge L. E. Fellows, of Lansing, Iowa, Grand Senior Warden John W. Barry, Grand Secretary N. R. Parvin, and the Reverend Dr. Marquis, President of Coe College. Past Masters J. M. Rider, M. B. Dodge, C. H. Cogswell, J. J. Clements, E. R. Moore, C. D. Huston, T. M. Runkle, F. W. Shafer, and Jos. E. Soukup occupied stations in the conferring of the degrees. The recently organized Triple Quartette, which was to grace Mount Hermon's special occasions for many years to come, was heard both on the banquet program and in connection with the work.

Four years later the celebration on November 25, 1915, Thanksgiving Day, was particularly noteworthy. The attractively printed program declared:

"It is the intention to make this a Thanksgiving and Jubilee occasion for Mount Hermon Lodge. We have been honored by the election and appointment to Grand Lodge Offices of the following brethren:

ERNEST R. MOORE, Deputy Grand Master  
KENT C. FERMAN, Grand Treasurer

Also we will honor our oldest Past Master:

CHARLES HERBERT COGSWELL  
"Fifty Years a Mason — 1865 to 1915"

As a further cause for Thanksgiving we reach the 500 mark in our membership.

Following the Banquet at 7:00 P. M. there will be a program of music and short talks: Past Master Soukup as toastmaster."

Preceding the banquet the Past Masters raised Brother George O. Wilson to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

The last notable celebration of Thanksgiving in Mount Hermon Lodge occurred the following year, at which time Brother Otto Hanzlik was raised. Three reverend brethren gave speeches on this occasion: E. R. Burkhalter, of Crescent Lodge No. 25, John A. Marquis and Joseph Fort Newton, both of Mount Hermon.

From this point on the celebration began to lose ground. In 1918 it was noted that the influenza epidemic necessitated omission of the banquet. In some subsequent years a social program with dancing was provided. Apparently it was agreed that it was unwise to try to compete with the well established custom of family Thanksgiving gatherings. After a sumptuous repast at noon, he would be a brave man who could

face another well-trimmed turkey by evening. In time the late fall social occasion became standardized as a Past Masters' Night in October or November.

### *Past Masters' Night*

It is often hard to put a finger on the precise moment when a tradition is originated or an institution begun. The process of growth is so gradual and the birth often so unspectacular that it is sometimes several years before certain practices and observances are crystalized as a tradition or annual custom. This appears to be the case with the observance of Annual Past Masters' Night in Mount Hermon Lodge.

There are occasional references in the minutes after the turn of the century to special honors being accorded Past Masters. For example, they filled the stations in the conferring of the degree on St. John's Day, June 22, 1905. They are mentioned again as having conferred the degree in 1911 at the Thanksgiving celebration, and also in 1915 and 1916.

On October 12, 1922, nineteen Past Masters conferred the degree, and on October 18, 1923, twenty-two took part in the work. As early as the meeting of May 27, 1920, the minutes specifically mention that the occasion is one honoring Past Masters. By that date, then, it is safe to assume that the annual custom of a Past Masters' Night was established.

The observance on October 15, 1931, is referred to as "The Annual Past Masters' Night." Twenty-one of the twenty-four living Past Masters were present, as were eight of the living eleven affiliated Past Masters, with 400 Brethren on hand to honor them. Colonel C. B. Robbins of Crescent Lodge No. 25 eulogized the service of Past Grand Master Ernest R. Moore as a prelude to the unveiling of Brother H. L. Van Cleave's beautifully oil-tinted picture of Brother Moore.

From this point on there are few years in which the annual observance did not occur. In 1934 Fred J. Witousek was the brother selected for raising. The lecture and charge were given by Brother M. B. Dodge, while Brother Harry A. Palmer presented the Bible and a Masonic lapel pin, the latter the gift of the DeMolay Advisory Council of which the candidate was a member. In 1935 Dean Rowland F. Philbrook of Davenport delivered a notable address, "Systems of Men." Twenty-eight Past Masters and affiliated Past Masters were present. In 1937 the Grand Chaplain, Brother Philbrook, again gave the principal address, The Worshipful Master, Earl B. Delzell, was pleased to present the honored Past Master of the evening, Brother Harry A. Palmer, Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, who responded gracefully with some reminiscences.

Brother C. H. Cogswell was given recognition as the oldest living Past Master.

The most recent observance of Past Masters' Night, on November 29, 1945, was also one of the most interesting and best attended, 300 members and visitors being present. The Worshipful Master, D. Murray Robertson, introduced the honored Past Master, Brother Edwin E. Hruska, who in turn presented the other Past Masters. Then Bob Becker of the *Chicago Tribune* regaled the brethren with his experiences as Sports Editor.

### *Festival Lodge*

The annual Festival Lodge in February is the hardy perennial of Mount Hermon social occasions. For more than thirty years, the minutes show that these gatherings have been well attended. The earliest one mentioned in the record was held on February 27, 1913. Three hundred and fifty members of Mount Hermon and neighboring lodges together with their ladies enjoyed the program of music, recitations, and dancing. The secretary was pleased to note that many present had expressed themselves as having had a pleasant evening.

With such an excellent beginning the custom was continued with increasingly enthusiastic support. In 1917 Patriotic motifs appropriately marked the occasion. Evidently the War necessitated omission of the Festival in 1918, but with the revival in 1919, Secretary Clements reported that this was one of the most pleasant social events ever given by Mount Hermon. The party in 1920 was a "tiled social party," and the attendance climbed to six hundred. The secretary exhausted his store of adjectives in describing the affair: "All enjoyed themselves to the utmost. It appeared to be the universal opinion of those present that this was the best social occasion of all the many ones that Mount Hermon Lodge has given.

In 1921 the program of entertainment included a playette and other features which attracted a crowd variously estimated at from 700 to 1000. The following year a comedy was produced, and the attendance reached 1000 again. In 1923 the presentation of a humorous skit, "Breezy Point Inn," attracted an audience that packed the auditorium of the Consistory building. Brother Claude R. Newcomb, who wrote and directed the playlet, acted the part of Al E. Wratt, a sailor; James Cowden portrayed G. Howitt Burns, an oil magnate; Walter Newell was Miss Hope Knotte, a spinster of doubtful vintage. Other brethren took the various male and female roles to the great amusement of the audience.

In 1924 a new policy was instituted in that the attendance was limited to members of Mount Hermon Lodge and their families, a circumstance

which reduced the turn-out to the more comfortable figure of a few hundred. Since then the custom has been continued, and each year three or four hundred join in the evening's frolic.

### *Installations*

Prior to 1935 the installation of officers for the ensuing year generally was part of the program of the first regular meeting of the year. There were exceptions to this rule, but they were not frequent. As a consequence, since the installation was forced to compete with the multitudinous reports and business of the first stated meeting of the year, the ceremony was often not given any special weight. In the last ten years when installation has been reserved for the second or third meeting in January it has been possible to perform the ceremony in a somewhat more impressive manner.

The installation in 1912 is an exception to the general rule in Mount Hermon Lodge that ladies are not present at the ceremony. On this occasion, the minutes disclose, there were "many visitors and very many ladies" present. Following the installation brief talks were given by the Reverend Samuel Coneybeare, and Past Masters C. D. Huston and M. B. Dodge.

In 1918 the installation ceremony was performed so well by the Installing Officer, Brother Harry A. Palmer, that a vote of thanks was passed commending him, "it appearing to be the opinion of the brethren that it had never been done in a superior manner." It is not surprising that Brother Palmer was called upon the following year to serve as Installing Officer, as well as in 1920, 1921, 1923, and 1924. In 1925 Grand Master Ernest R. Moore had the honor as well as in the two succeeding years.

In 1928 Brother Charles H. Cogswell, Mount Hermon's oldest living Past Master, was the Installing Officer with Brother Palmer serving as Marshall. In 1929 the Deputy Grand Master, Almon S. Reed of Crescent Lodge No. 25, performed the honors. Brother C. C. Hunt, Grand Secretary, was called upon several times to officiate. In 1940 and 1941 it was the Junior Grand Warden E. E. Lowe.

Brother Earl B. Delzell, then Deputy Grand Secretary, installed in 1943 Worshipful Master Harry K. Burmeister, who wore the uniform of a Corporal Technician in the United States Army, the first Master of the Lodge to be installed while in the armed forces of the country. The 1944 installation was marked by the retirement of the secretary since 1922, Brother Harry A. Palmer. Past Master Harry Manchester paid him a tribute, and Past Master Ernest R. Moore presented him a set of books on American History, a present from the Lodge.



## CHAPTER II

## SOME NOTABLE VISITATIONS

From the earliest days the secretary's minutes, and later the visitors register, have recorded the presence of numerous visiting brethren at the stated, called, and joint meetings of Mount Hermon Lodge. When the Lodge was graced with the presence of visitors of especial eminence—officers of the Grand Lodge, and distinguished brethren from other jurisdictions—the honors have been accorded in gracious and ample form. Such visits are reported in the chapters of the running history.

On several occasions there have been visits of particular importance when delegations of brethren from neighboring jurisdictions have come to exemplify the Third Degree before large gatherings of the Craft in joint meeting. Three of these visitations deserve special mention.

*The Square Club of Illinois*

On November 24, 1928, the brethren of Mount Hermon Lodge were hosts to thirty-six visitors from the Square Club of the 35th District of Illinois with headquarters in Rock Island, who exemplified the Third Degree in accordance with the Illinois ritual. In the afternoon session five Fellow Craft were raised. Then, after a dinner for 350 brethren, work was resumed at 7:30, and Brother Julius Gauger was raised by members of the Square Club to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

Those who witnessed the work were profuse in their praise, particularly of the magnificent manner in which the Deacons and Stewards exemplified the floor movements.

*George Washington Lodge No. 9, St. Louis*

On February 9, 1929, Mount Hermon joined the two Cedar Rapids Blue Lodges in welcoming a large delegation of brethren of George Washington Lodge No. 9, St. Louis, accompanied by brethren of Mizpah Lodge No. 639 of the same city. The most Worshipful Grand Master of Missouri Masons, Brother Byrne E. Bigger, was also in the entourage which was repaying the visit of Iowa Masons to St. Louis fifteen years previously.

To honor the occasion the Grand Master of Iowa Masons, Brother Charles E. Wright, was in attendance, as were the following Past Grand Masters: Brothers C. C. Clark, F. B. Whittaker, T. W. Wellington, F. S. Moses, E. R. Moore, and D. R. Tripp.

In the afternoon the Iowa ritual was exemplified in the raising of Brother J. C. Henningsen of Mount Hermon Lodge, the work being

under the direction of Brother John T. Ames of Traer, Secretary of the Board of Custodians.

After a dinner at the Roosevelt Hotel, work was resumed. For the evening session lodge was opened in the Shrine Temple to accommodate the expected large crowd. Past Grand Master E. R. Moore was escorted to the East and had charge of the reception of the Grand Officers of Missouri and Iowa with appropriate honors. Then Brother C. D. Henry, Worshipful Master of Washington Lodge No. 9, took charge of the work, his brethren occupying the stations. The Third Degree was conferred on Brother Benjamin Dietz of Crescent Lodge No. 25.

The precision with which the work was exemplified, the interesting variations from the ritual customarily heard in Iowa, and the highly efficient manner in which the Missouri brethren exemplified the ancient ceremony brought murmurs of approval which burst in a climax of hearty applause when the First Section was completed.

#### *Illinois Central Square Club of Chicago*

On April 18, 1931, members of the Illinois Central Square Club of Chicago—an organization composed of Master Masons in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad—conferred the Third Degree before 1800 Masons in Cedar Rapids. The arrangements for the occasion were in the hands of the Blue Lodge Inter-Relations Committee.

A dinner preceded the evening session at which the degree was conferred. Several Grand Officers were in attendance, including the Grand Master, John Gannaway; the Grand Secretary, C. C. Hunt; the Deputy Grand Secretary, George E. Farmer of Crescent Lodge No. 25; and the Junior Grand Deacon, E. E. Lowe of Mount Hermon Lodge.

Officers of the three local lodges opened on the Third Degree, after which the meeting was turned over to the visiting brethren. The Fellow Craft in waiting was Brother John W. Barry of Crescent Lodge No. 25, son of Past Grand Master John W. Barry.

The work was well and faithfully done and made a deep impression on the brethren present, who constituted, perhaps, the largest group ever assembled in Iowa for the sole purpose of witnessing degree work. Over fifty lodges were represented in the gathering. At the close of the work, the Master of the Square Club presented a monogrammed silver trowel to each of the three Cedar Rapids Lodges.

### CHAPTER III

#### SOME LODGE ACTIVITIES

This chapter brings together under a few heads some lodge activities which are too easily overlooked, in the scattered references to them in

the running account of the history of Mount Hermon Lodge. These activities, which are of primary importance to the healthy existence of the Lodge, well deserve independent mention even though the references in the following pages are necessarily brief.

### *Proficiency in the Ritual*

"Do not think that what is hard for thee to master is impossible for man, but if a thing is possible and proper to man, deem it attainable for thee."

Marcus Aurelius

In the Proceedings of many Jurisdictions there is reported a growing effort to secure a more perfect rendition of the ritual and a fuller understanding of the meaning of what is taught. Iowa, a leader in this work, has an important Grand Lodge Committee, The Board of Custodians, as the directing force. The choice of members of that board has always been fortunate. With intelligence, culture, and an intimate knowledge of Masonry and its purposes, these men have been a guiding influence for good.

While elsewhere there is occasionally a partial reliance on the printed word, here the instruction is strictly "from mouth to ear." That entails laborious memorizing, which requires of both teacher and student, devotion with industry and zeal. Responding to the urge of the Custodians, Mount Hermon members have an enviable record. A list of those now accredited as proficient should be of interest:

### *District Lecturers*

(arranged in the order of the dates on their certificates)

Harry A. Palmer	Charles Zalesky	T. Hubert DeWees
Walter S. Newell	Earl B. Delzell	Walter M. Krebs
Edward E. Lowe	John R. Watson	D. M. Robertson
Conrad Stookey	W. D. Potter	Hoyt Thomas
Dana R. Holden	Harry Christy	L. C. Apple
John B. Finney	Harry K. Burmeister	Lloyd George
	E. E. Hruska	

### *Masonic Instructors*

Fred J. Hollands	Lee Beardsley
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### *Finance*

Throughout the years the lodge finances have been well supervised and carried on an even keel. When income was low, economy was manifest. Nor even in flush days has real extravagance been apparent. Save once there has been no investment loss. When the old Masonic Temple was built, the lodge contributed \$4000.00, taking stock in that amount. When the property was to be given up, this stock was sold for \$800.00. Since then a policy of annual savings has been followed, and at the

present time the lodge has a financial reserve, in cash and U. S. Bonds, approximating \$50,000.00.

One feature of annual expense will be of interest:

*Paid Grand Lodge*

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1870	No report	1895	\$ 132.00	1921	\$1656.25
1871	\$ 18.00	1896	133.25	1922	1373.00
1872	24.00	1897	133.25	1923	1544.50
1873	21.00	1898	131.00	1924	1520.25
1874	31.50	1899	138.50	1925	2168.50
1875	36.50	1900	144.25	1926	2347.50
1876	43.00	1901	156.00	1927	2458.25
1877	40.50	1902	147.00	1928	2360.00
1878	34.50	1903	184.25	1929	2354.50
1879	31.50	1904	190.50	1930	2356.25
1880	47.50	1905	185.75	1931	2456.50
1881	50.50	1906	195.00	1932	1961.50
1882	60.00	1907	224.50	1933	1528.70
1883	83.00	1908	241.75	1934	1423.00
1884	76.50	1909	279.75	1935	1500.75
1884	Addl. 71.50	1910	305.00	1936	1458.25
1885	102.50	1911	354.25	1937	1770.25
1886	117.25	1912	337.00	1938	1795.00
1887	103.00	1913	408.50	1939	1830.85
1888	116.00	1914	479.00	1940	1865.75
1889	115.50	1915	472.00	1941	1869.45
1890	104.00	1916	663.10	1942	1933.00
1891	132.50	1917	713.50	1943	2018.00
1892	129.75	1918	698.50	1944	2507.75
1893	124.75	1919	1231.05	1945	2599.25
1894	128.00	1920	1788.25	Total	\$60,549.15

These figures are somewhat confusing for they do not seem to co-ordinate with growth of membership. The explanation lies in the fact that through the years the amount of fees and dues has varied as has also the percentages required by the Grand Lodge. Moreover in more recent years the calls for the Grand Charity Fund have been heavier, both for general conduct, for the Sanitarium, and for the Endowment Trust.

*Charity*

"And now abideth faith, hope and charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity." I corinthians 13:13

Fundamental in Masonry is charity. There is the charity of the hand that gives generously of the material to those in need or distress. There is charity of the spirit that covers the forgiveness of repented sins, sym-



pathy in sorrow, helpfulness in trouble and encouragement in hope for a better and a brighter future. It is that which binds us into one band of friends or brothers, among whom no contention will exist. On these the record of Mount Hermon may be read with measurable satisfaction.

To the Grand Lodge Charity Fund the contribution has been generous through all the years. In addition, out of each fee collected, \$10.00 goes to the Grand Charity Endowment Fund. The lodge minutes, though far from complete, indicate direct helpfulness in many local cases. This, quietly done, called for no thanks or reward other than the satisfaction of the discharge of duty. If thanks were ever in thought, it was in thanks to God, for affording the means.

The charity of the spirit was well defined by an Iowa Grand Master, when he said: "No part of a Freemason's responsibility receives greater emphasis than that dealing with charity and benevolence. The two words are not synonymous, and whilst everyone knows what charity means, benevolence is perhaps even more important, being the very essence of brotherhood, a love of mankind which shows itself in tolerance and goodwill. I can think of nothing better calculated to promote peace than such goodwill, and as we pray for the peace we all so earnestly desire, let us also pray that every Freemason throughout the world may be true to his obligations, to spread goodwill and so make peace possible."

"He hath a tear for pity and a hand  
Open as day for melting charity."

Shakespeare

"Charity suffereth long and is kind;  
Charity envieth not, charity vaunteth  
not itself, is not puffed up."

I Corinthians 13:4

## CHAPTER IV

### MEMORABILIA: NOTEWORTHY REMINISCENCES

The record of a lodge's activities as contained in the secretary's minutes is necessarily sketchy and trimmed down to the essentials of routine information. In reviewing such records, it is easy to forget that they allude to real people and to actual occasions.

It is the purpose of this chapter to glance briefly at several diverse items which in their different ways touch on what a radio commentator might call "the human side of the news."

A local disaster of many years ago is recalled because of its co-

incidental connection with the Masonic career of one of our present and respected officers. There is a brief memoir of the writer's son, who, though a member of Mount Hermon Lodge, was never privileged to sit in Lodge with his brethren. His story, while possibly not typical of those who served in the armed forces, has Masonic implications which warrant including it as a side-light in this history of Mount Hermon Lodge.

Included also are two tributes, one to the brethren who labor anonymously in the vineyard of Masonic service, serving helpfully and achieving satisfaction but eluding the limelight of recognition; the other to the gracious sisters of the Order of the Eastern Star who over the years have contributed to the refreshment of the brethren in a similarly self-effacing manner.

And finally, perhaps to suggest the fallibility of human nature, mention is made of some disturbing incidents, which happily have been few.

#### *The Starch Works Explosion, May 22, 1919*

This cataclysmic occurrence of a quarter century ago occasions an interesting reminiscence in Mount Hermon Lodge's history, particularly noteworthy because of the manner in which the original happening and its twenty-second anniversary touched the Masonic career of our present secretary, Brother O. Lee Eckert.

On the afternoon of May 22, 1919, Brother Eckert and five other Fellow Craft were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Before the Lecture and Charge were given the Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 6:30 P. M. for the purpose of partaking of the dinner prepared by Ladies of Malta Chapter 415, Order of the Eastern Star. From this point on it is best to relate the story as it was dramatically set down in the minutes of Secretary James J. Clements:

"Just as the Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment a Terrific Noise—OR—Explosion was Heard—which caused the Lodge Room Building to Shake—And Rock—And Tremble. And About the Time We Reached the Dining Room and were Seated for Supper—the Announcement was made that—The Noise—and—Explosion we had Heard was Caused by An EXPLOSION at—The Douglas Co. Starch Plant—that the Building had taken Fire and That There was a Heavy Loss of Life. . . . The Tables was Soon Deserted And the Officers Returned to the Lodge Room and Lodge was Closed in Form at 7:10 P. M."

It is probable that never before or since has less justice been done to a repast prepared for the brethren by the gracious Ladies of Malta Chapter. With a disaster of such moment in the community the brethren were

unable to keep their minds on either food or further work on the degree that evening. The Lectures and Charges were postponed till the June regular meeting. For the edification of later students of the minutes, Secretary Clements appended a brief summary of the disaster:

"The Explosion and Fire above referred to (his postscript declared) destroyed the Douglas Co. Starch Plant with a loss of Life of 44, and a Property Loss of \$3,000,000.00 Plate and other Glass Destroyed (Broken), in the Business Section, and in Dwellings (Close in), \$200,000.00. Damage to Business Buildings and Dwellings, \$50,000.00."

Twenty-two years later, on May 23, 1941, the three Cedar Rapids Blue Lodges were in joint meeting with the Worshipful Master of Mount Hermon Lodge, Brother O. Lee Eckert, presiding in the East. Presently the Junior Steward, Brother Hoyt Thomas, youngest officer and personal appointee of the Master, obtained recognition and advanced to the East to present Brother Eckert with a sterling silver trowel on behalf of the 1941 officers, as a token on the regard in which he was held.

The Worshipful Master responded with a few remarks in which he recalled that just twenty-two years previously he had been raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason—the day the starch works blew up. Brother Eckert still works for the same organization, although it is now known as Penick and Ford.

*Brother Robert Brice Moore: A Memoir*

The Secretary's minutes for the stated meeting held on July 6, 1939, include the following.

Entered of record that Brother Robert Brice Moore was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on June 26, 1939, in John A. Jejeune Lodge No. 350, A.F. & A.M., of Quantico, Virginia, the work being done as a courtesy to our Lodge.

Back of the entry and beyond it is a story with personal ramifications for the writer—since the recipient of the degree was his son—which impel him to include it in this account as a strand in the tangled skein of human destiny, and an event which is the history of a lodge in the widest sense.

Brother James M. Clift, Grand Secretary of Virginia and chairman of that jurisdiction's Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, observed in his 1940 report that Brother Ernest R. Moore, Iowa's Fraternal Correspondent, had noted the refusal of Virginia's Grand Master, Brother C. Vernon Eddy, to grant a dispensation to Army and Navy Lodge No. 306 for a naval man with six months' residence. He quoted Brother Moore's

remark: "I have a son, an Annapolis graduate, who would like to be a Mason, but his station is so frequently changed that it looks as though he would be barred by the residence rule." Brother Clift then referred to an instance in which three enlisted men, refused dispensation in Virginia, had spent sixty days in a summer camp of a neighboring jurisdiction and all three came back Master Masons. He concluded: "We suggest Brother Moore have his son visit that jurisdiction for a brief period."

It proved unnecessary to resort to this stratagem, however, when John A. Jejeune Lodge No. 350 of Quantico, Virginia, where Bob was stationed at the time, agreed to confer the degrees as a courtesy for Mount Hermon. Grand Secretary Clift of Richmond, by an interesting coincidence, was a member of this lodge and personally assisted in the work.

The conclusion of this story is less happy, for Bob was shortly thereafter transferred to Shanghai, China, as an officer in the 4th Marines, without ever having been privileged to sit in his own Lodge. He was in Manila on December 7, 1941, and took part in the ill-fated defense of the Philippines. During the siege of Corregidor, he was advanced to the rank of major and decorated for heroic and unselfish conduct in the face of danger. Captured by the Japs at the surrender of the Fort, he was held prisoner in the Philippines till the close of 1944, when the Japs began evacuating some prisoners to the home islands. Bob survived one sinking, only to be killed when the second ship was bombed in a Formosan port—ironically, by our own planes.

The record of his service as an officer and as a prisoner has been pieced together from accounts of his surviving associates. It adds up to one of quiet heroism and unflinching gallantry of which his parents have every reason to be proud.

To conclude this memoir on a Masonic note. Bob, though he never sat in Mount Hermon Lodge, was privileged to attend lodge in Shanghai. During his imprisonment it became advisable to conceal his Masonic membership certificate. Instead of destroying it, he passed it to a fellow prisoner whose chance of ultimate escape was better than his own, and enjoined him to preserve it and return it if possible to his home lodge. This memento, in a container whose sweat-stained leather evidenced that it had been carried close to his body, was delivered to Mount Hermon in 1945 by Brother Arno F. Kerski of Chicago, Illinois.

### *The Craftsmen*

"They labored in the mountains and the quarries."

In a recently published "History of Crescent Lodge No. 25" there appeared a short chapter expressing a sentiment which applies equally well



to Mount Hermon Lodge. It is repeated here as a timely and good thought that deserves to be often repeated.

Commonplace indeed must be the story of a commonplace lodge—of commonplace people in a commonplace town. Yet from routine records and personal recollections there may be drawn much that has for the present both pleasure and precept. There were the high lights, ambitious and colorful ceremonies, and notable occasions, honored by the presence of great men who spoke in wisdom and eloquence. In this record the present generation can have the pride of inheritance.

That is history—history of the record. Yet there may be more that could not be written then, but is realized now with changed conditions and in comparisons. There were the laborers in the vineyard. They faithfully attended meetings. Modestly they worked where they could. They asked no leadership, only that they might have a part in a great and good work. To the troubled they gave comfort and by their presence at the last rites paid a measure of respect to the dead.

There were the elderly men who were past the ordinary activities. They gave the officers the encouragement of their presence. They impressed the new Mason with their dignity and greeted them in friendly benignity. Being with them gave the thoughtful, the sense of a new birth of and a new baptism in Masonic teaching and spirit. These men were the strength and substance of Masonry. In recognition of their devotion and unselfishness this expression of gratitude is belatedly given.

#### *A Tribute to The Eastern Star*

Discerning critics have of late advised those who seek to make an appraisal of events, of two attitudes which may stand in the way of sound judgment. One's expression of values may be discolored by personal bias, prejudice or desire, and again, they may be the so-called "collective verdicts," which are public, conventional and easy, but from which everyone's actual experience has been pretty well bleached out.

Between these two extremes, he who has an historical, biographical, or eulogistic urge, may lay out his course. Masons are instructed early to avoid the first of these extremes, and in a final "Charge" they are told to imitate a noble example of personal integrity or wholeness of character in not swerving from duty or betraying trust. In considering the import of Columbus' great adventure into unknown waters toward hoped for continents, George Santayana, a philosopher and poet, remarks:

Columbus found a world and had no chart,  
Save one which faith deciphered in the skies.  
To trust the soul's invincible surmise,  
Was all his science and his only art.

In accord with this truly Masonic pronouncement, of the soul's "invincible surmise," masters and craft have come to a conclusion regarding our obligations to the Chapters of Eastern Star, Malta and Cedar, which is neither individual opinion alone, nor yet collective and conventional utterance of the thing easy to think and say.

The term "service" that is so vital in Masonry, finds a peculiar application and example in the activities of Eastern Star in our behalf. This service has been to insure a social atmosphere, in the dining room, after our regular lodge sessions, and on special festive occasions by organizing and serving the refreshments. All the past-masters, officers and craft appreciate the fact that "gatherings down-stairs" are attended by a refreshment of spirit as well as body.

The sister organizations have rendered a long and arduous service to Mount Hermon during the passing years.

A slight but fitting recognition is seen in the custom (noted of late) of calling in the sister in charge so that she may receive our verbal expression of thanks and a hearty round of applause.

Space does not permit the designation of individual ladies who have given of themselves generously to this particular feature of their Eastern Star program. If it were within the province of the lodge to bestow special honors outside the lodge room for services faithfully rendered, it would be to these "Marthas" whose reward has been for ages past a personal commendation and genuine satisfaction of "services rendered."

#### *Some Incidents*

But twice in the period of this record was there an occurrence that might be called "a disturbance in the Temple." In 1890 J. G. Graves was suspended for unmasonic conduct. He was a pioneer in the craft and had given much service, faithful and true. No question of moral delinquency was involved. He had not violated his obligation, nor the fundamental laws of Masonry as expressed in the Code. His case was the last chapter and verse of the notorious "Cerneau" scandal. In pure stubbornness he stood on his rights as a free man and refused to drop his membership in an organization under the ban of the Grand Lodge. The merits of the controversy may not be discussed here, but then, and since, there is regret that desire for arbitrary rule brought about an action in which true Masonry was so little manifest.

In 1935 Albert A. Law was a finance officer in one of the collateral bodies. He found it impossible to balance his receipts and funds on hand. The situation may have developed from the frequent difficulty of distinguishing "meum et tuum" or from carelessness or mishap. In any

event charges were preferred. There was no or little defense, and, although his friends offered to make good the amount missing, the Lodge, feeling that there was unforgivable delinquency, imposed the penalty of expulsion. The necessity for the action was deeply regretted for he was a likable chap and had many and staunch friends.

## CHAPTER V

### SOME REPRESENTATIVE ADDRESSES

"Speech is a mirror of the soul: as a man speaks, so is he."

Publius Syrus

Through the run of the years the brethren of Mount Hermon Lodge have been privileged to listen to the thought of some of the best minds in the Fraternity. An early and a recent occasion, embracing a span of sixty years, can be cited as representative.

In 1879 Brother Rob Morris, P.G.M. of Kentucky, the poet-laureate of freemasonry and one of the outstanding figures in American freemasonry of the last century, gave his talk on the Holy Lands before a large joint meeting of Crescent Lodge No. 25 and Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263.

In 1940 Brother Ray V. Denslow, P.G.M. of Missouri, a scholarly and widely traveled Mason and for many years Fraternal Correspondent, addressed the Craft on "Masonry Abroad." His address was based on first hand knowledge gained in 1936 while visiting the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Scandinavian countries, and upon his subsequent Masonic research, which has made him one of the best authorities on the foreign situation. The meeting, sponsored by the Blue Lodge Committee on Inter-Relations, was in charge of Brother George R. Liddle, Worshipful Master of Mount Hermon Lodge.

It would be difficult to list all of the brethren, both members of the Lodge and visitors, who have edified the Craft with their spoken word. The name of Brother Joseph Fort Newton leaps readily to mind. During his residence in Cedar Rapids his gifted and scholarly eloquence was a frequent ornament of Masonic gatherings. Brother C. C. Hunt, Grand Secretary Emeritus, Brother Harry J. Thornton, Professor of History in the State University, Dean Rowland F. Philbrook of Trinity Cathedral, Davenport, and Past Grand Master Realff Ottesen—to mention a few of the members of the Masonic Service Committee's Speakers Bureau—have spoken gracefully and instructively on more than one occasion.

The four speeches which are reproduced in this chapter range from a formal and scholarly address delivered before a huge audience on a



notable occasion to the informal response of a newly raised brother spoken within the intimate and homely circle of the Lodge.

The occasion for Past Grand Master John W. Gannaway's address was the Simultaneous Meeting proclaimed for February 11, 1932, by Grand Master Charles S. Percival to celebrate the Bi-centennial anniversary of George Washington's birth (as reckoned by the old style calendar). Seventeen hundred Masonic brethren—one of the largest gatherings ever assembled locally for a Masonic occasion—were in attendance at the Shrine Temple.

Brother William R. Boyd's talk on "The Hour Glass" was given on September 7, 1944, as one of a series arranged by the Worshipful Master, Charles Penningroth, on the various monitorial emblems.

The occasion which produced the last two talks included, deserves a word of mention since it so happily exemplifies Masonic universality. At a meeting on October 12, 1944, honoring members who had been raised that year, it happened that three brethren on the program were pastors: Reverend Grant F. Anderson, pastor of the First Baptist Church; Reverend John E. Pallas, pastor of the Hellenic Orthodox Church of St. John the Baptist; and Rabbi Herman E. Schaalman, of Temple Judah. Brother Anderson's remarks were made in connection with the presentation of Bibles to the newly raised brethren. The other two brethren responded by giving their impression of Masonry from the viewpoint of one yet young in the Craft. In each of the talks it was apparent that Masonry provided a common core of experience and precept which transcended whatever sectarian differences divided them as representatives of different religious faiths.

### "GEORGE WASHINGTON"

By

John W. Gannaway  
Past Grand Master

(Delivered February 11, 1932, in the Shrine Temple, Cedar Rapids, before the Blue Lodges of Cedar Rapids and vicinity, at a Simultaneous Meeting proclaimed by Grand Master Charles S. Percival to celebrate the Bi-centennial Anniversary of the birth of George Washington.)

My Brethren:

Among all the great men America has given to the world—and it is her glory to have given many—no other has more profoundly influenced the thought and spirit of the nation than has George Washington.

To him, our illustrious Masonic brother, in whose life and character were exemplified the basic ideals of Freemasonry, it is our privilege to pay tribute tonight.



Listen to these words concerning him, as spoken by Abraham Lincoln: "Washington's is the mightiest name of earth—long since the mightiest in the cause of civil liberty; still mightiest in moral reformation. On that name no eulogy is expected. It cannot be. To add brightness to the sun, or glory to the name of Washington, is alike impossible. Let none attempt it. In solemn awe pronounce the name, and in its naked deathless splendor leave it shining on."

Lincoln was right. Nothing that we can say—nothing that any one can say,—can add to the glory of Washington's fame or detract from the splendor of his achievements. His influence has spread until he no more belongs to America alone, but to the whole world; and all freedom-loving people delight to do him honor. His place is ineffaceably fixed in the esteem and affection of men, as long as the spirit of liberty survives in the human breast, and the souls of men thrill to the doing of heroic deeds. We can, indeed, but speak his name, reverently and affectionately, and pay tribute to his memory and his greatness.

Yet it becomes us, and is inspiringly helpful to us, to study his life and deeds and character; to search for those ideals of conduct and attributes of mind and heart which made him great, and which we should seek to emulate.

Washington's fame does not rest merely upon his military and political achievements, supremely important as they were. Without his leadership it is doubtful whether the Americans would have won in the Revolutionary War. In spite of the failures of the Congress and of the States, he carried on in the face of bitter disappointments and discouragements until victory was attained. Without his steadying, harmonizing, pervasive influence it is doubtful whether the Constitution would have been adopted and our national life begun. Throughout that whole troubled period he was a powerful unifying force. And always, even in the darkest days, he displayed a forward-looking, constructive spirit, the spirit of the true builder, the true Mason. Always he was a man of vision, and builded for posterity. To him we largely owe our heritage of free institutions.

Nor does Washington's fame rest upon the brilliancy of his mind or the breadth and depth of his knowledge. Hamilton and Jefferson had more intellectual power and brilliancy than he; Franklin and Madison were greater students than he. It is true that he was a man of strong mind and broad knowledge, but many others surpassed him in these respects.

Washington's fame, his greatness, does not rest upon any single achievement or characteristic, but on an unusual combination of virtues,

only too rarely found in this imperfect world. It rests primarily upon the qualities of his manhood and the spirit of unselfish, disinterested service which characterized all of his public actions.

It seems to me a duty we owe ourselves, in order the better to discharge our obligations as citizens of the free state which Washington did so much to establish, to try to discover the secret of his strength and the elements of his character which made him not only first in the hearts of his countrymen, but the benefactor of all mankind.

There is, indeed, very special reason why we should do this in these present days of discontent and uncertainty; of discord and strife; of growing class antagonisms; of declining faith in the value and the ways of freedom. The people of America are groping for the light, in the midst of world-wide confusion and disintegration. Blind, indeed, is he who does not see that our nation stands face to face with supremely critical questions, and in the years just ahead must make momentous decisions—decisions fraught with the happiness or misery of coming generations. Blind and *stupid* is he who does not or cannot see that there are evil, divisive, subversive influences at work in America which endanger the institutions of freedom set up by Washington and his compatriots.

There is profound need for us to understand and apply the spirit of Washington to these baffling problems. I doubt if ever before in our history was there more urgent need for leadership of the type furnished by him, in those critical days of the Revolution and the beginnings of our national life. Would that the poise, dignity, sanity and self-control which so pre-eminently characterized him, might be dominant in the leaders of today! Would that those who are now shaping the fortunes of America might manifest the wisdom, the disinterested motives, the lofty patriotism, and genuine Americanism shown in the character and conduct of Washington! It is leadership inspired by his spirit of justice, his vision of a happy and united people, his ideal of unselfish, disinterested service that America needs most today, and without which our nation can never achieve that high destiny which, if she will but claim it, we believe to be hers, in the Providence of God.

Certain traits of character which lie at the base of Washington's greatness as a man, deserve special emphasis. They are such as we all may possess if we will.

One is the fine sense of personal honor, of self-respect, which Washington displayed upon all occasions. He would not pursue a course that tended to lower himself in his own eyes. What his own self-respect demanded, that he must do, whatever the consequences might be. He knew, as we know, that no person can be great without this sense of

personal honor. No man can truly respect others, or justly claim respect from others, who does not respect himself.

Coupled with this trait, indeed, a part of it, was Washington's wholesome, manly modesty—the modesty of a man of outstanding strength and power. His character was not marred by conceit or vanity.

Washington had an unusually keen sense of duty, as was often shown in the course of his public life. He did not want to assume command of the Revolutionary forces; he doubted his own ability to meet the demands of the position and hoped that the appointment might not come to him. But come it did, and Washington responded, regardless of personal preferences or desires. He counted not his own inclination or ease or comfort, in the face of a call to duty and an opportunity to serve. He questioned his own capacity, but having accepted the responsibility, he was determined to give the best that was in him to the cause he was to lead. He would withhold nothing. A struggle of world-wide and enduring significance was to take place. The sacred and unalienable right of the people to political liberty and self-government was at stake. To that struggle he would give all that he had. To do less than that would be to fail in his duty to God, his country, his neighbors, and himself.

Among the many qualities which Washington displayed, none was more striking than the poise and self-control which so pre-eminently marked his life. He was a man's man; a man of strong powers, both physical and mental. He was a man of strong passions and temper; but he was a man of equally strong will, and held himself under admirable control. He was a real leader, a safe leader, because he kept himself under a rigid self-discipline which gave him power and influence. He was master of himself.

Basic in the character of Washington was his deep, abiding faith in God; a sincere, true reverence for a bountiful, over-watchful Providence. Throughout the whole of his life; in his writings and in his acts, both public and private, it is clearly shown that Washington was a sincerely religious man, and was ever ready to acknowledge his dependence upon God. He was a true Mason and exemplified in his daily life the fundamental tenet of Masonry—faith in God, that God whom all true Masons reverence and serve.

The qualities of Washington's manhood, which made him great, are numerous. I have suggested only some of them. Modesty, personal honor, self-respect, a keen sense of duty, loyalty, love of home, courage, dignity, self-control, a spirit of justice and fair dealing, reverence. George Washington had them all; and, having them, stood pre-eminent

among the men of his day, and now lives as one of the dominant personalities of all time.

My brethren, let us emulate the example of this great American patriot and Masonic brother; let us pattern our lives after his; and by so doing, both honor ourselves and pay to him the highest tribute that man can pay to man.

### "THE HOUR GLASS"

By

William R. Boyd

(Delivered September 7, 1944, in Mount Hermon Lodge as one of a series of talks explaining monitorial emblems arranged by the Worshipful Master, Charles Penningroth.)

Perhaps no other subject has been more widely dealt with in the literature of the world than the brevity of human life. The Bible says that "Man is like grass which today is and tomorrow is cast into the oven." Cicero wrote one of his masterpieces on old age and dwelt upon the brevity of human life. Shakespeare's works are full of lines which could be aptly quoted here tonight. Lincoln's favorite hymn's first stanza was:

Oh why should the spirit of mortal be proud?  
A swift flying meteor—a fast-flying cloud—  
A flash of lightning—a break of the wave—  
He passeth from life to his rest in the grave.

Tennyson wrote:

Our little systems have their day,  
They have their day and cease to be,  
They are but broken lights of Thee,  
And Thou Oh God are more than they.

I would fain make some practical application of this thought about the brevity of human life here tonight. The first one is this: That I think one of the basic errors in our thinking is that we forget how short is our little day upon earth as compared to the endless ages that rest with God. We look about us and see things that we would like to have accomplished. We are conscious of wrongs which ought to be righted, of injustices which we do not wish to contemplate, and we forget that they are ages old—that they have their roots deep in human nature—that man has been their victim since time immemorial, and we think that all these things ought to be cleared up in our day. This cannot be done—any more than our earth, as we know it, could have been created in six days or twenty-four hours each, according to Genesis interpreted



literally. It took millions of years to create our earth. Not far from where we stand tonight, ages ago was a field of ice, moving imperceptibly southward. It didn't touch us and that is why northeast Iowa is rugged and the remainder of Iowa rolling or level. Man himself still has physical hangovers which cause him no end of trouble now and then, which reach far back to the days when he did not stand erect.

In the catechism of the church to which I belong, the first question is one of the most searching questions one could think of. It is: "What is the chief end of man?" The answer in the catechism is more or less a play upon words. The answer is: "To glorify God and enjoy Him forever." Well, it is difficult to say just exactly what this means, and what we should do to attain it, if that be true. If I had to answer that question, I think I should say that man's chief end on earth—or rather chief ends on earth—was to seek to make himself a well-rounded man, physically, mentally, morally, spiritually, and to so work and so live that when he died, be it soon or late, he would leave our world just a little bit better than when he entered it. That is the most we can hope for as individuals, or as generations.

One of the noblest utterances of statesmanship that I remember are these words from Edmund Burke: "Let us attest the passing generation, let us attest the coming generation, between whom, as a link in the chain of eternal order, we stand." If each generation should do this, progress in the right generation would be continuous, but we don't do it. We advance by fits and starts and then fall back. Sometimes we go back to where a new era started, or even farther back. Civilization once flourished upon this earth of ours, with cities and monuments, long since buried in sand. Now and then an archaeologist discovers one of these, and we are made aware that after all knowledge did not begin with us by any means.

When I was in school, I had as Professor of Geology a wise old Scotsman, the late Samuel Calvin. Not long before he died, he said to me: "Will, I often find myself at variance with my colleagues. I know, or think I know, that mankind has been upon this earth thousands and thousands of years, and if in my short lifetime I can see just a tiny bit of progress toward the goal, I am satisfied. My colleagues think everything ought to be made right by tomorrow, or at the farthest by the day after tomorrow. It cannot be done."

The second thing that I would like to emphasize here this evening is that no one should be discouraged if he finds himself to be what was designated in the Parable of the Talents, a one-talent man. It may sound most presumptuous for me to insinuate that I could improve upon

one of the Parable, but I do think this Parable of the Talents leaves a wrong impression. The impression is that everyone who has five talents or two talents doubles them, whereas the person who has but one talent becomes discouraged and doesn't try to make any effort to make it two talents.

Now I have lived quite a while and have had a varied experience in several fields of human endeavor. Often and often I have seen five-talent people throw their five talents out of the window, so to speak—waste them in idleness, in liquor, et cetera. Also two-talent people. On the other hand, I have seen many a one-talent person take that one talent and with a strong will, not only increase it to two, but by more than two, and become an ideal citizen—far more worth while than the five- or the two-talent people, who virtually threw them away. All life is brief, but we have time to make something of it—each one of us.

Someone—I do not know who it was—wrote this:

Life is a leaf of paper white,  
On which each one of us may write  
His word or two, and then comes night.  
Greatly begin; if thou have time  
But for a line, be that sublime!  
Not failure but low aim is crime.

I leave this quotation with you tonight. Masonry is not a religion—but it is a body of doctrine and tradition. It lays down rules by which one may live, and, by so living, make the most of himself and do much for his fellowmen and for his day and generation.

## PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

By

Reverend Grant F. Anderson

Chaplain of Mount Hermon Lodge

(Delivered on October 12, 1944, in Mount Hermon Lodge at a meeting honoring brethren raised in that year.)

Recently I heard two fathers discussing how irresponsible their sons were and how difficult it was to get any serious thought across. Especially had this been true since the boys had gone away to college. One of the men said he had not had the same trouble and thought his solution had been the reason.

When asked to explain what he had done, he explained as follows: "When my son left for college, I bought him a new Bible and told him I had marked certain passages for him to read. At each of the marked passages I placed a five dollar bill."

"But," interrupted the other man, "how can you be certain he read the passages?"

"Why very shortly after he had gone, he returned the Bible with the note, 'Mark some more passages and send them right back!'"

Yes, indeed, there are hidden treasures in the pages of the Bible and they can only be found by those who search for them. A reward will always come to the diligent reader in a treasury of faith and abiding hope for days ahead.

Long has it been the custom of Mt. Hermon Lodge to present to each new member a copy of the Holy Scriptures. It is done with the hope that from the pages you will, by regular searching, find treasures that will aid you and guide you in your daily living. It is my privilege as the Chaplain to make this presentation tonight to five members of the class and to give the others my assurance that their copy of the Masonic Bible will come as soon as situations beyond our control permit.

In thinking about our inability to make a presentation to each of you, I am wondering if we do not here have a fact paralleled in life today that should cause each of us alarm.

Recently the news came that in a single night's raid over Berlin our American air force dropped two thousand tons of bombs—dropped that amount to destroy and kill an enemy. In 1942 figures tell us that for the entire year—and it was the busiest one in this activity—only ninety-three tons of paper were used to print Bibles for the entire world. Contrast those figures and you will see why more men like ourselves should be concerned that the message and the spirit of the Bible can be released into a world that needs it so badly.

I am positive that as a class you will receive and welcome this copy of God's word so it may become for you a rule and guide for conduct daily.

### "MAN'S ETERNAL QUEST — FELLOWSHIP"

By

Reverend John E. Pallas

(Delivered on October 12, 1944, in Mount Hermon Lodge at a meeting honoring brethren raised in that year.)

Throughout the ages, from man's beginning to the present day, he has been always on the lookout for companionship, for someone in whom he could place his trust. In the paleolithic or stone age, when man was left more or less to shift for himself, even then, instinctively, that, in order for him to survive, he must have about him others like himself to ward off all approaching danger. He therefore took up abode in the caves of the mountain-sides with his fellowman and together they set out, literally, to conquer the world.

With the passing of time, man's frame of mind had developed to such an extent that he began to feel wary and suspicious of even his fellow-man, and he limited himself only to the choice of a select few, who banded themselves into a group, which, due to their close ties and associations, began more and more to feel the need, the one for the other.

And with the progress of civilization and the cultural evolution and moral development of man, we have reached the stage where today Man's Quest-Fellowship has become an inevitable reality. Fellowship has become a vital part of the existence of man through various moral codes and religious philosophies, forms of government and founding of fraternal and other organizations. All of these have somehow tended to bring together the masses of people throughout the world.

Unfortunately, however, in many instances, violations of the basic rules of these various fellowships, if they may so be called, national or international, political or social, have brought about the world-wide economic and social strife and upheaval, which are so drastically and materially present today.

In this maze of uncertainty and uneasiness, which has enveloped the entire world, there stands out gloriously and challengingly one Order or Fellowship, which has valiantly and unswervingly, and this I say with a touch of unwonted pride, stood by its basic moral code, both in its contacts with the members among themselves and in the attitude of benevolence and good will of its members toward the world in general. And this Order or Fellowship is none other than the worthy Order of Freemasonry.

If, as I have once before said, the Light of Masonry, with its moral and religiously philosophical teachings, could be, without of course divulging or revealing the secrets of Masonry, brought to those who have fallen by the wayside, be they Nations, peoples or individuals, through lack of good, moral fellowship, then, man will have in due time reached his eternal Quest, the Quest for good Fellowship.

I am happy, as I am certain the other 58 new members of Mt. Hermon Lodge are this evening, for the privilege which has been accorded us, that of becoming links in the unbroken chain of brothers in Freemasonry, and I sincerely hope and pray that we, the Class of 1944, shall prove worthy of the high trust that you, the older and by far wiser brother Masons, have placed in our charge.



"And they said, let us rise up  
and build, so they strengthened  
their hands for this good work."

Nehemiah 2:18

### **PART THREE: BIOGRAPHICAL**

*Sketches of Worshipful Masters and Other Worthies*

WORSHIPFUL MASTERS, 1870-1945

AFFILIATED WORSHIPFUL MASTERS

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## CHAPTER I

WORSHIPFUL MASTERS OF MOUNT HERMON LODGE No. 263

1870 - 1945

For the first twenty years in the life of Mount Hermon Lodge, the records are sadly deficient or entirely lacking. Except for the transcript of the minutes of the Lodge while under dispensation, which are on file in the Grand Lodge records at the Masonic Library, the minutes to 1883 are non-existent, a disgruntled secretary having destroyed them in 1882. For some years thereafter the minutes are curtly brief. Other reports, as to the Grand Lodge, offer little but statistics. The newsprints carried little even on men who had been active in Masonry or in business or in public affairs. Some of the old and once prominent families are gone, without a remaining relative who would be informed.

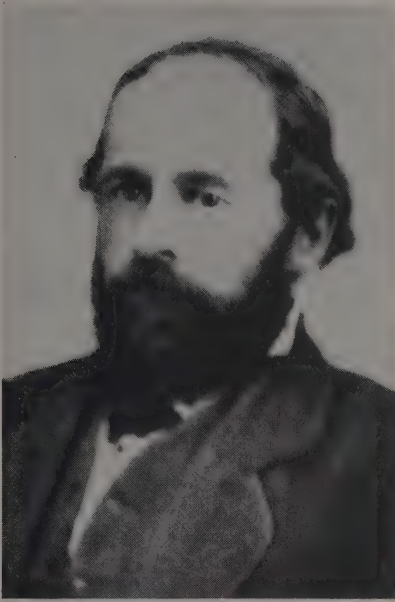
To write, then, adequately on our founding forefathers and pioneers is a most difficult task, and in many instances the information is necessarily meager. Some of the information for these early sketches was found in the fragment of a manuscript prepared—or rather begun, for it was never completed or brought to the light of publication—a quarter century ago when Mount Hermon Lodge was rounding out its first fifty years.

By a fortunate circumstance a number of years ago the Lodge foresightedly gathered the photographs of all Masters of the Lodge. Hence it is possible to include the faces of our venerable Patriarchs together with those of the Worshipful Masters of more recent date and memory.

## JAMES C. ADAMS

Worshipful Master

1870

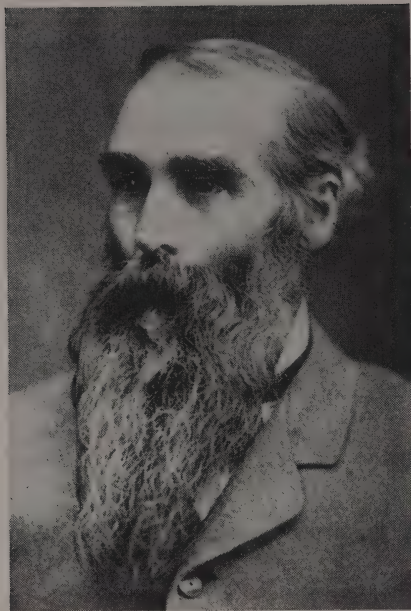


Brother James C. Adams, the first Master of the Lodge, was a stone mason and contractor who did good square work both as an operative and as a speculative mason. He was a man of singular independence of thought and a firm believer in the teachings of the Universalist church, of which he was a member until his death December 14, 1885. He was a reader, a student, a deep thinker, and not at all afraid to tell with positiveness the beliefs that were the rule and guide of his life. He loved

Masonry and was one of its most tireless workers.

Born in England in 1824, he came to Cedar Rapids in the early fifties. He began his trade as a stone mason and afterwards took some contracts for building houses, installing furnaces, and so forth. A part of the time he kept a small grocery store. At the time of the founding of Mount Hermon Lodge he lived in a small house on the south side of Ninth Avenue between Fourth and Fifth Streets. From his east and south windows he had an absolutely uninterrupted view across the corn-fields and the meadows to the timber-clad heights of Oak Hill. Later he built a comfortable two-story brick home on the north side of the avenue in which he lived until his death. Active and useful in civic affairs, he served the third ward as alderman in 1861 and again in 1865-1866.

Brother Adams was raised in Cedar Rapids Lodge (later Crescent Lodge No. 25) in August, 1857. Two years later he was Junior Deacon, being elected Worshipful Master in 1865, after several years as Senior Warden.



## W. D. WATROUS

Worshipful Master

1871

Brother Watrous, one of the original petitioners for the dispensation to organize Mount Hermon Lodge, came to Cedar Rapids originally in 1851, engaging in the hotel and livery business. Two years later he went into the wheelwright, blacksmith, and general repair business at the corner of Second Avenue and Second Street, a pursuit which he followed until 1859 when he entered into a partnership with Captain J. J. Snouffer in the grain, steamboat, and real estate business.

A man of tremendous energy and strict integrity, Brother Watrous figured in the life of the community in a variety of ways. He was alderman in 1856 and mayor of the city in 1857. It was he who built the toll bridge over the river at First Avenue. With Captain Snouffer he not only owned a flour mill but also took the contract for building the bridges and culverts on the Northwestern Railway between Cedar Rapids and Belle Plaine, later, also, making the elevators along that line. These enterprises took him to Belle Plaine for five years until the spring of 1868 when he returned to Cedar Rapids to take the old Aetna mill, in which business he remained until 1887.

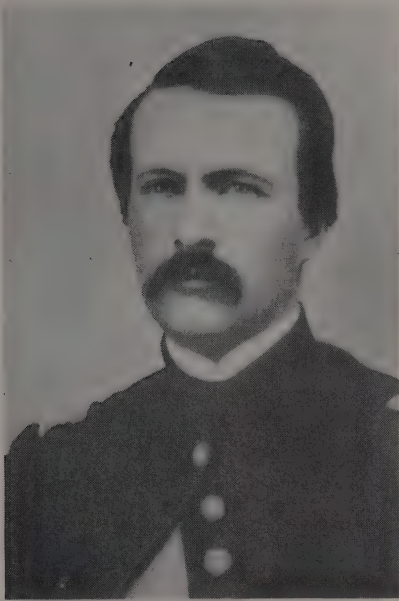
Brother Watrous was raised in Crescent Lodge No. 25 on April 13, 1868. A year later he demitted to help organize Mount Hermon Lodge, and the following year he became this Lodge's second Worshipful Master.



## WILLIAM B. LEACH

Worshipful Master

1872

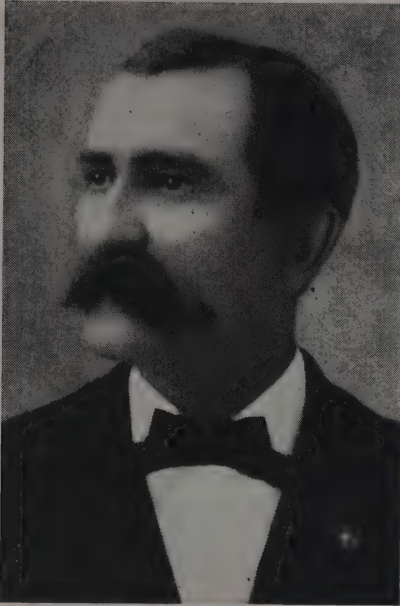


For many years Captain Leach, as he was called, was a leading and honored citizen. He came to Cedar Rapids in 1865, having served with distinction in the Civil War, commanding a company in a Minnesota regiment. When the war closed he located here and engaged in many activities. He operated a flour and saw-mill in Cedar Rapids for six years, and, with his brother, D. B. Leach, was one of the proprietors of the flour mill and barrel factory at the head of North Commercial street

(later renamed First Street). He lived, at the time of the founding of Mount Hermon Lodge, on the north side of Second Avenue, between Third and Fourth Streets.

In 1867 Brother Leach represented Linn County in the State Legislature, and in 1870 he was elected Mayor of the City, serving one term. In 1876 he was elected Judge of the Superior Court, serving on the bench of that Court from 1867 to 1884.

Brother Leach was raised in Crescent Lodge No. 25 on June 4, 1866. With other brethren of this Lodge he demitted in 1869 to organize Mount Hermon Lodge, whose first Senior Warden he was. Altogether he was a man of note and merit.



## CYRUS W. EATON

Worshipful Master

1873

Probably no man was better known in Cedar Rapids during the latter half of the Nineteenth Century than Brother Eaton, and none was more active in Masonry. Born in Vermont, September 21, 1838, he graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1855 and soon after started west, locating in St. Paul, where he engaged in the insurance business. He returned to Vermont and resided for a time in eastern Canada before locating in Cedar Rapids in 1869.

On September 2 of that year he was admitted to Mount Hermon Lodge by affiliation, the first addition to the Lodge under dispensation. He was a most zealous and effective worker in the Lodge and in time became equally prominent in other Masonic bodies, being the organizer and first head of the Shrine.

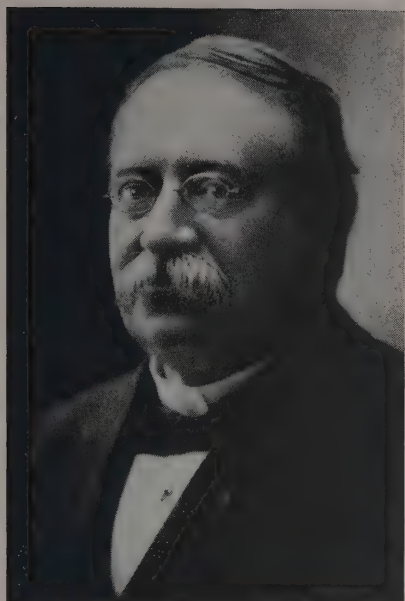
He did his full share as a builder of the Lodge and as a builder of the city. He helped to organize and long headed the Volunteer Fire Department. He was Mayor of Cedar Rapids in 1884, 1886, and 1887. He conducted a successful hardware business, yet he gave freely of his time and energy to anything that made for social progress and the public good. He furthered interest in athletics, and he loved horses and a good track race.

While short and abrupt in speech, he had a kind heart and his private charities were manifold. Those privileged to be his close friends loved him as a brother. His death May 12, 1895, brought to a close a life of forceful and dynamic leadership.

## GEORGE R. SKINNER

Worshipful Master

1874, 1875, 1878



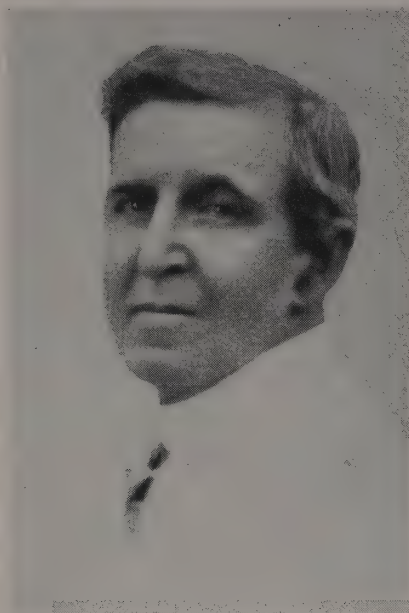
Brother Skinner was born in Parma, Monroe County, New York, May 19, 1836. Removing to Polo, Illinois, in 1853, he took a job in the drug store of Dr. Moore, studying medicine with his employer and in time joining him in partnership. In 1860 he entered the Buffalo Medical School, but, while attending lectures there, the Civil War broke out and he enlisted.

His service during the Civil War was noteworthy. Returning to Polo in 1862 after a year in the army, he

organized a company and was commissioned First Lieutenant and later appointed Adjutant. During the Atlanta Campaign he was assistant inspector general on the staff of General Murray, while during General Sherman's march to the sea, he was on General Atkins' staff in the same capacity and continued through the Carolina campaigns until the close of the war. He participated in the battle of Chickamauga and the engagements of Chattanooga and Lookout Mountain. On June 21, 1865, he was mustered out with the rank of Major.

Resuming his medical studies, he graduated from Bellevue Hospital Medical School in 1866 and returned to Polo to begin his practice. He located in Cedar Rapids in 1871 and built up a large practice, being joined in 1894 by his son under the firm name of Drs. G. R. and G. C. Skinner. For upwards of twenty-five years he was treasurer of the state medical society, serving one year as president. He was also president of the pension board of Cedar Rapids. Always interested in civic betterment, he took active part in patriotic and social service organizations.

For Masonry, he had a particular admiration and love. In 1901 he enjoyed the honor of being the oldest living Past Master of his Lodge.



## W. J. CHRISLER

Worshipful Master

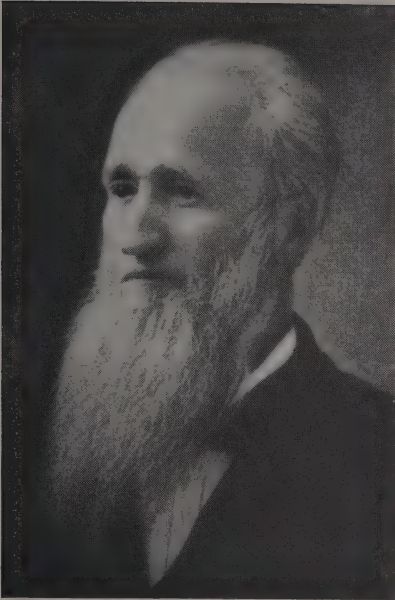
1876 - 1877

Born in Schenectady, New York, July 11, 1842, Brother Chrisler removed to Freeport, Illinois, in 1864, where he was a farmer until he came to Cedar Rapids in 1869. Previously he had raised, in 1862, Co. A, 18th Indiana Volunteer Infantry and went out with the company as First Lieutenant. When the company was later consolidated he was made orderly sergeant before mustering out in 1863.

He married Ada Tisdell in October, 1864. They had seven children, one dying in infancy. Almost as soon as he came to Cedar Rapids, Brother Chrisler became a member of the volunteer fire department. He took a great interest in it and in 1878 was second assistant chief engineer in the department. In addition to his town business as a dealer in agricultural implements, seeds, and so forth, he had a farm south of the city.

Brother Chrisler was one of the most active and faithful members of Mount Hermon Lodge and was held in high esteem by his brethren and by the citizens of Cedar Rapids generally. He was quiet, industrious, affable, a devoted Mason, a good family man, and a Christian gentleman.





J. G. GRAVES

Worshipful Master

1879 - 1882

Brother Graves was a long time dealer in books, stationery and kindred lines. He was quiet and affable, yet firm in his convictions. He made friends easily, and if they proved worthy, he held them as with bands of steel. He was active in the craft and gave good service in many ways. His membership ceased as is told elsewhere.



JAMES MORTON

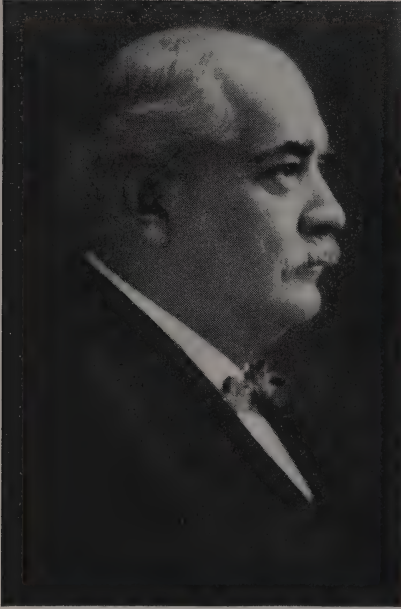
Worshipful Master

1883

James Morton was an easterner and came west to enter the employ of the old B., C.R. & N. Railway. He was a man of fine education, with a cultured mind. For the company he became General Ticket and Passenger Agent and so continued until his death.

He had a fine home in the best section of the city, which he and his equally cultured wife made an intellectual and social center. While dignified and reserved in manner, he was kindly, helpful in all good

causes and a sincere churchman. His high social standing and important position in business life added prestige to the Lodge.

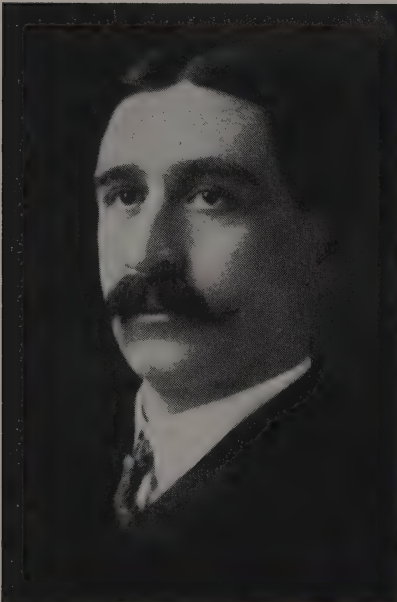


### GEORGE E. COGSWELL

Worshipful Master

1884 - 1887

He was a brother of Doctor C. H. Cogswell, better known to Masons of a later day. He, too, was a physician with a large practice. Little is known of him other than that he was a gentleman of the old school, educated, cultured, kindly, and deeply devoted to the principles of Masonry. His service to Mount Hermon was extended and his fine influence was long manifest.



### EDWARD HENDERSON SMITH

Worshipful Master

1888

His background was in a long line of leaders in business and public affairs. After the local schools, he had training in a Military College. He then joined with the Farmers Insurance Company, owned by his family. With this concern, he continued all his life, being president of it when he died. He was actively interested in many other business enterprises. Being military minded, he was for a time the commanding officer of the local company in the Iowa National Guard. He believed

in the theoretical value of Masonry, but his attitude was academic and his early interest was not maintained.



J. EDWARD BEAN

Worshipful Master

1889

Little is known or remembered of him. He owned and operated a fine drug store. Aside from his temporary interest in Masonry, he was prominent in the so-called higher circles of society. He had no family or relations here. He died young and none now here recall anything of him.



WILLIAM G. DOWS

Worshipful Master

1890

In a circle of wealth and social prominence, Brother Dows was born on August 12, 1864. His father, Captain S. L. Dows, was a successful pioneer railroad builder. The son attended the public schools, had a year at Coe College and two years at Shattuck Military Academy. He then entered the office of his father, attending to diverse and far flung family interests.

He married Margaret Cook, of another prominent family.

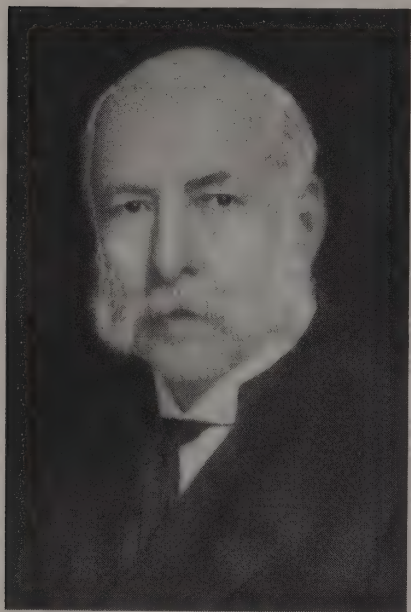
Always interested in military affairs, he was a member of Company "C" of the Iowa National Guard,



advancing to commanding officer. When the Spanish War opened, he was commissioned as Colonel in the 49th Regiment, Iowa Volunteers. With his command, he served for fifteen months, both at home and overseas. On his return to civil life, he and a few associates acquired control of a public utility, which he reorganized, modernized and largely extended. To these interests, he devoted the balance of his life.

He early entered Masonry and was sufficiently interested and active to bring him to the office of Master. Thereafter, fully occupied with corporate and personal affairs, he gave the fraternity little attention. His interest in public affairs was confined to two terms in the Iowa Legislature. In character he was genial and kind hearted, but his heavy business cares precluded any interest in social service.

In the midst of his activities and after a short illness, he died on November 25, 1926.



## CHARLES H. COGSWELL

Worshipful Master

1891; 1894 - 1896

Brother Cogswell was a unique character. He came from a stock that was hardy. His early environment stimulated a rough and ready disposition, and the times demanded a man of decision. These characteristics were in evidence throughout his social, professional, and Masonic life. He remained young in spirit through all activities.

His father was Charles Cogswell, and his mother was Lucy Belding. He was born in LeRaysville, Pennsylvania, on August 14, 1844. About two years later his father moved to Towanda, located between the mountains. At seventeen he started school at the seminary in Mt. Carroll, Illinois, and boarded in town. At nineteen he began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Leonard Pratt, and in winter attended Hahnemann College in Chicago, from which he was graduated in February, 1866.

He went to Moline, Illinois, and hired out to Dr. Baker to practice



medicine at \$50.00 a month and pay his own expenses. Not being successful, after six months he moved to Morrison to practice with his grandfather, Dr. L. C. Belding. There he remained until May 1, 1868, when he located in Clinton, Iowa.

In 1869 he married Mary Wilkinson of Morrison, Illinois. In 1878 he moved his family to Cedar Rapids and engaged in practice. About 1882 he was appointed lecturer at the State University at Iowa City on Diseases of Children.

There were born to them two daughters, who died in childhood, and two sons who are practicing medicine, one in Pasadena, California, Charles N. Cogswell, Jr., and the other, John W. Cogswell in St. Louis. Both served in the World War I and both had rank of Major. His wife died May 5, 1903.

His history would not be complete without his Masonic record. His father was an enthusiastic Mason. On August 14, 1865, he reminded the young man that he was twenty-one years old. Together they went to Lanark, Illinois, where his father was Master and the three degrees were conferred on him that evening.

Medicine and Masonry did not occupy all of his time. He sang in church choirs for over forty years. He served three years as chairman of the Committee on Necrology in Grand Commandery, K. T. He was physician to the Home of the Friendless for thirty-four years and in like capacity served the Home for Aged Women for fourteen years.

Brother Cogswell passed away on November 24, 1937, at Pasadena, California, where he had been living in retirement. The body was cremated and the ashes brought to Cedar Rapids, where the Rose Croix Service of the Scottish Rite was given.



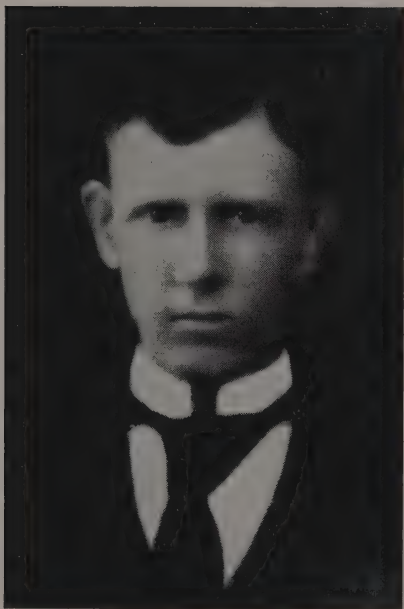
## MOSES W. HAZELTINE

Worshipful Master

1892

On April 26, 1888, Moses W. Hazeltine became a Mason and in 1892 was made Master of Mount Hermon Lodge. He was manager of the "Allen and Hazeltine Paint Store" for many years, which was located on First Avenue between Third and Fourth Streets, just in the rear of what is now the Iowa Theater.

After he had served as Master, he took little further interest in the Lodge or in Masonry and severed his connection with a demit on December 2, 1915.



## ALVIN S. KEYES

Worshipful Master

1893

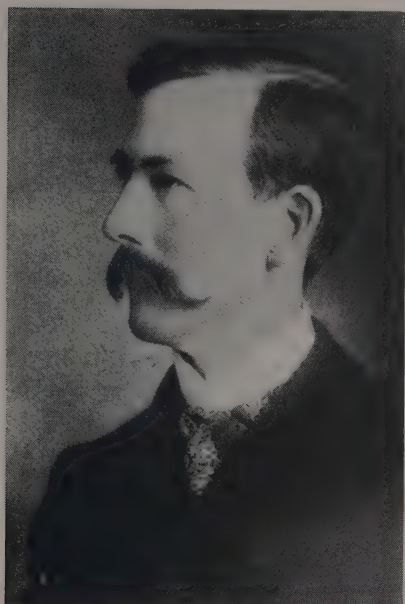
"Al" Keyes was of pioneer stock, as his father came here in the decade preceding the Civil War and established a wholesale grocery house. Born in 1865, Al attended the local schools and was graduated from the Shattuck Military Academy at Fairbault, Minnesota.

For a number of years he represented the Cereal Milling Company on the road. Then, that he might be at home, he accepted the position of Cashier for the Adams Express Company.

With a taste for military affairs, he was a member of Company "C" of the Iowa National Guard. His pleasing personality made him popular in social circles.

He was attracted to Masonry, for the tenets and precepts appealed to him. In Mount Hermon Lodge he was made a qualified Mason on January 14, 1888. Thereafter he was active and helpful. He held many places of minor importance, serving with industry and zeal and in recognition he was chosen as Master for 1893.

In that year he was stricken with typhoid fever and died on October 13. There was deep and widely expressed regret at the passing of such a promising and much loved young man. On Sunday, October 15, his body was laid away with Masonic honors.



## CHARLES D. HUSTON

Worshipful Master

1897 - 1900

Brother Huston was born on December 18, 1861, in Carroll County, Ohio, to Daniel and Margaret Heron Huston. His family was of Scotch descent, but their history in this country dated back to pre-Revolutionary days. They came to a farm near Toledo, Iowa, in 1863, but upon the death of his mother soon after, Charles was sent back to Ohio to live with his father's sister.

On April 2, 1885, Brother Huston was married to Mary McKinnon, who died in 1932. A son, John, also

preceded him in death. Another son, Paul, and a daughter, Mrs. Marguerite Reid, of Arlington, Virginia, survived him.

His early career took him into the field of newspaper work as an editor and in the job printing business. Before he was of age, he was appointed editor and manager of the *Traer Clipper*. Later he founded the *Tama County Democrat*. In time he moved to Cedar Rapids to accept a position in the composing room of the *Evening Gazette* where he was one of the fastest hand compositors.

He left the *Gazette* in 1902 and opened a job printing business. He also entered municipal politics, winning election as Mayor in 1902 and again in 1904, as well as in 1922 and 1930. Between his terms as Mayor he served as commissioner of streets and public improvements, under the

commission form of government. From 1913 to 1922 he was postmaster. While Mayor, he appointed the original City Plan Commission and was among the first to see the possibility of May's Island as a civic center. He worked out a plan whereby it was purchased and subsequently developed.

During his career as a public servant Brother Huston held many honorary offices, including that of president of the League of Iowa Municipalities and president of the Iowa Postmasters' Association. He was also chairman of the State Democratic Central Committee, and from 1933 until his retirement in July, 1941, he was Federal Collector of Internal Revenue in Iowa.

Brother Huston entered the Masonic Fraternity in the lodge in Traer. When he located in Cedar Rapids he transferred his membership to Mount Hermon. He accepted the Mastership for 1897 at a time when the Lodge was semi moribund. During his four years in office he gave the Lodge what it most needed: an aroused activity and a sound business conduct. When he retired his brethren had every reason to say: "Well done, good and faithful servant." His later activities were largely in the collateral bodies, particularly in the Scottish Rite, where he was recognized with the honorary 33rd degree. In May, 1942, he completed fifty years membership as a Master Mason.

After a long illness Brother Huston died at the age of eighty-two on January 8, 1944, at the home of his son Paul. Dr. A. L. Murray, of Minneapolis, and Mount Hermon Lodge conducted the services in the Turner Chapel. The memorial tribute was given by Past Grand Master Ernest R. Moore.



## CHARLES L. BESLER

### Worshipful Master

1901 - 1902



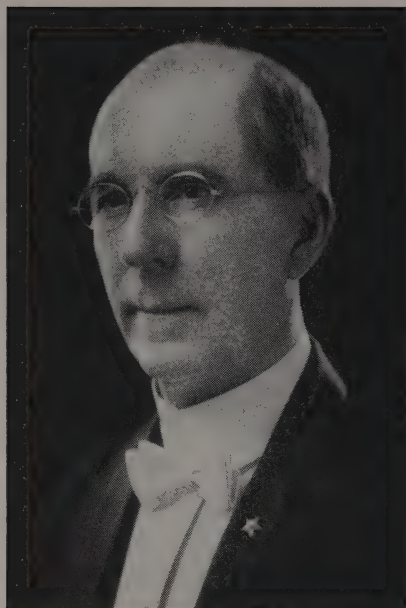
The subject of this sketch was born in Cedar Rapids on February 14, 1874. His parents came here from Germany in 1868, in that period when Cedar Rapids was emerging from a country town to a city. His father was a competent builder and handled many large contracts. It was natural that his son would follow in his father's line and instead of attendance at High School, he, at the age of fourteen, began his training in construction. He did much public street paving and estab-

lished a brick kiln, which he successfully operated for many years. Industry and integrity were his outstanding characteristics.

On August 25, 1896, he married Miss Margaret Nyere, a daughter of an old and much respected family.

Early interested in Masonry, he was a member of a number of the several bodies, but his most devoted service was in Mount Hermon Lodge. He was Master in 1901 and 1902 and gave the Lodge a sound and forward looking business administration.

For personal reasons, Brother Besler severed his connection with Masonry on November 6, 1931. He died on January 6, 1940.



## JAMES J. CLEMENTS

Worshipful Master

1903

James J. Clements, a prominent Mason and retired insurance man, died on January 19, 1928, in a Des Moines hospital, where he was taken for treatment by specialists.

For eighteen years he was Secretary of Mount Hermon Lodge, of which he was also a Past Master. He was also a Past Patron of Cedar Chapter, O. E. S., and was a member of the Iowa Consistory, of Apollo Commandery, Knights Templar, and of Trowel Chapter.

He was a member of the Central Park Presbyterian Church, where he was Secretary of the Board for many years.

He was made a Mason in Mount Hermon Lodge on March 19, 1896.

He was born on April 23, 1853, and spent his boyhood on a farm in Fayette County. He was with the Farmers Insurance Company for fourteen years. For twenty years he was a traveling insurance adjuster and he also operated a local insurance agency.

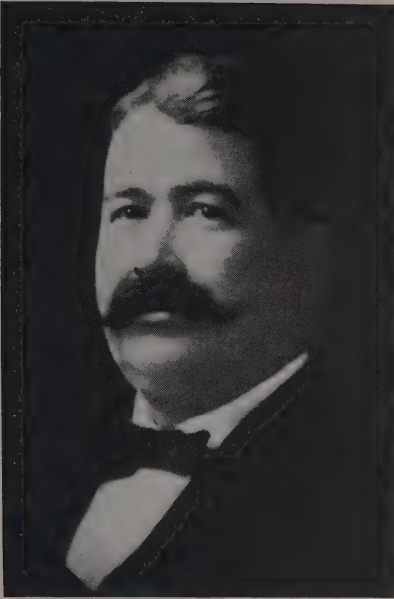
On February 22, 1883, he was united in marriage to Miss Clara Winrott of West Union. They had two daughters: Mrs. W. R. Hill of Akron, Ohio; Mrs. O. L. Tisdale, Memorial Drive, Cedar Rapids, and two sons, Howard and Ralph, of this city.

The funeral services were held in the Turner Chapel. The Rev. W. M. Evans officiated and the Masonic services followed.

## MARK S. JACKSON

Worshipful Master

1904



The son of a pioneer citizen, long prominent in public affairs and an early member of Mount Hermon Lodge, Brother Jackson was born in Orleans, New York, on January 28, 1859. He completed his education in the public schools and then for several years was employed in a clothing store. He loved the outdoors and joined a party of engineers pioneering a railroad in Mexico. The life appealed to him and independently he took on contracting public works and followed that

line throughout his active life. Many of his enterprises were of large size and importance and all were well done.

On August 26, 1884, he was married to Miss Addie Cooley and to the union came two daughters, notable for their grace and beauty.

With all the urge of his extensive business, he found time for public service. For a time he was a member of the City Council. Himself an athlete, he promoted community sports. Baseball had his particular interest. Local competition had his encouragement, and he was instrumental in putting a Cedar Rapids professional team in an Association League.

He was early drawn to Masonry, and in many ways and in several bodies he gave valuable service. In his later years, the press of private affairs and impaired health, abated his activity, but not his interest. He closed his mortal life on January 19, 1928, and was laid away with Masonic honors.



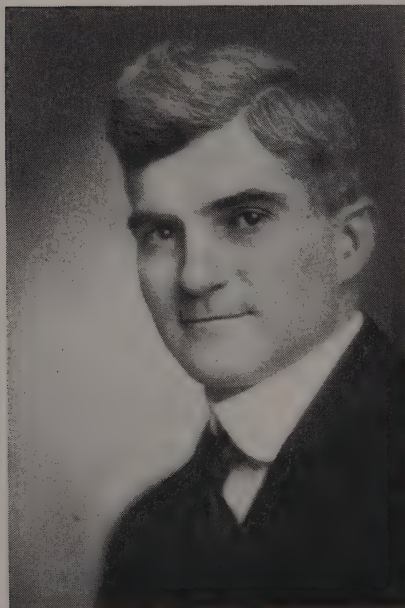
## EUGENE O. EDSON

Worshipful Master

1905

Eugene O. Edson, "Gene" as he was generally called, was raised in Mount Hermon Lodge on February 19, 1874. In his earlier manhood he worked in the railroad shops. Then he entered the plumbing business, in which he continued during the rest of his active life.

His only other activity was in Masonry. He loved it and was the first leader in Mount Hermon to promote and insist upon proficiency in the ritual. For many years to "those less informed" he was a teacher and counsellor. Because of a break down in health he demitted on February 1, 1912.



## THOMAS BRUNDIGE POWELL

Worshipful Master

1906

On February 16, 1878, into a family distinguished for moral fibre and intellectual culture was born Thomas Brundige Powell. His developing life was in accord with the standards set for him. He attended the public schools until, in his early teens, he went to Doane Academy, Granville, Ohio. He then enrolled in Denison University, from which he was graduated in June, 1899. He then entered the law College of the State University of Iowa, finishing the course in 1901 with the degree of



Bachelor of Law. His father was in active practice and the son entered his firm. He was in active practice until in 1922 when he was honored with the appointment of Judge of the Superior Court. In this place he served until his death.

Social minded, he had particular interest in boys. In the discharge of his judicial duties, he was kind and helpful to the unfortunate and the delinquent. The Boy Scout movement had his encouragement and supervision.

During the World War he gave much service in a broad way.

When a lad he became a member of the First Baptist Church. Into it, and especially into the Sunday School, he put his best. He was an earnest and sincere Christian.

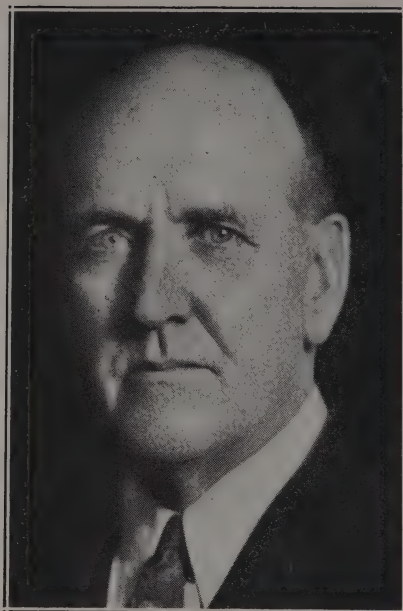
On June 17, 1903, he was married to Miss Mary Wilson of Anderson, Iowa. They had four children who grew to maturity in a family atmosphere that assured the moral and cultured lives they are living.

At an early age, attracted by what he had learned of the fraternity through his father and in sympathy with its precepts, he united with Masonry. He was active, earnest and helpful. An appreciation of his character and worth was evidenced in his elevation to the office of Master. Thereafter, while helpful when possible, his other duties denied him active participation in lodge affairs.

After a brief illness he died in the University Hospital, in Iowa City on June 27, 1940.

For him these lines were written:

"Let me live in my house by the side  
of the road and be a friend of man."



## ERNEST R. MOORE

Worshipful Master

1907

With a Scotch inheritance, Brother Moore was born in Anamosa, Iowa, on November 1, 1868. His family removed to Cedar Rapids in 1877. He attended the public schools and was graduated from the High School in 1887. He had two years college work. His first employment was in the Post Office. He entered a bank in 1891 and remained in that business for forty years.

In 1898 he enlisted in the army, serving fifteen months at home and over seas and was discharged with

the rank of First Lieutenant.

Interested in the conduct of public affairs, he served six years in the State Legislature and for four years was Lieutenant Governor. At home he was a member of the Water Board, County Pension Board, the Memorial Commission and for twelve years the Board of Education. Later he served on the State Board of Parole. In the Spanish War Veterans he was Commander of the local camp and also State Commander.

On December 25, 1901, he and Winifred Evans were married. They had four children: Jane, the wife of Professor Donald T. Brodine, of Vermont Academy at Saxtons River, Vermont; Ruhama, the wife of Dr. Robert M. Collins, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, late Lieutenant Commander in the U. S. Navy, and Betty, married to Frank W. Davis, a Des Moines lawyer. One son, Robert, was graduated in 1936 from the United States Naval Academy, at Annapolis. Assigned to the Marines he was stationed at Shanghai. When the war opened his force was sent to the Philippines. There they were engaged in the severe actions on Bataan. For gallantry in rescuing wounded men under heavy fire, he was decorated and promoted to Major. The remnants of his force were taken prisoner at Corregidor. While being transferred to Japan the ship was torpedoed and went down with all on board. He was a member of Mount Hermon.

Brother Moore entered Masonry in 1903. He was Master in 1908, Deputy Grand Master in 1916, a member of the Finance Committee for three years, Grand Treasurer in 1920 and Grand Master in 1924. For ten years has been a Grand Lodge Trustee and during the same period has been Fraternal Correspondent, writing the reviews printed in the Grand Lodge Proceedings. In writing, he has contributed articles to various publications and particularly to the Grand Lodge Bulletin.

These works in prose, together with some contributions in verse, established his record as a talented writer of Masonic literature. He has also written the history of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, the history of Crescent Lodge No. 25, and now this history of Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263.

He and his wife are members of the First Baptist Church.

Altogether Brother Moore has rendered an important contribution to Freemasonry and has earnestly endeavored to repay the Craft for all honors received.

## RALPH M. PUTMAN

Worshipful Master

1908

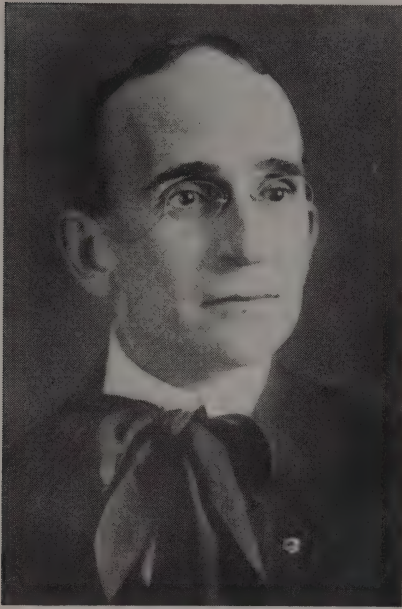
During 1900 there came here a pleasant faced, handsome young man, Ralph M. Putman, who took a place as clerk in the ticket office of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway. He was quiet and retiring and said little of his background or his personal life. Slowly he made friends with men of the best type and his personal life was irreproachable.

Through one of his closer friends he learned of Masonry. The principles and practices of the fraternity

appealed to him. He was made a full member in 1904. His intelligent understanding, his industry and zeal, attracted attention. When he was selected for Master for 1908, all were pleased. He was dignified, business like, capable in the ritual and gave the lodge a good administration. On retirement from office, business responsibilities and personal cares



denied him more than casual attendance at lodge. In 1919, through a demit, he severed his connection. He went to the far South and whether by choice or chance he has had no further contact with friends here.



T. WILL RUNKLE

Worshipful Master

1909

Typical of the life of the average man was that of T. Will Runkle. With a background of morality and religion, he was born in Iowa City, Iowa, on August 8, 1869. His schooling was in the grades. His father was engaged in merchandising and the son joined him. Their last location was in Cedar Rapids, where for forty years he lived, quietly, modestly, obscurely. In photography he was an artist of the front rank. His social or public activities were confined to the Ro-

tary Club and the Y. M. C. A.

He was made a Mason in 1892 and in 1942 he received his Fifty-year Certificate. He was a regular attendant at meetings and helped, although not a ritualist. For many years he was a most efficient secretary. He was kindly, friendly and likable in every way. He belonged to the several collateral bodies and gave helpful service in each.

He died on March 26, 1943. With the Reverend D. A. Loferski as chaplain, his body was laid away by his brethren with Masonic honors.

"The wisest man could ask no more of Fate  
Than to be simple, modest, manly, true."



## JOSEPH EDWARD SOUKUP

Worshipful Master

1910



Dr. Soukup was born in Cedar Rapids, March 17, 1875, and had resided here all his life. He attended the local schools and was a graduate of the Washington High School. He then attended the State University for two years and was graduated from the dental school of Northwestern University in 1905. Since that time he had been a practicing dentist here.

He was well known in Masonic circles, where he was active until recent years. He was much in de-

mand as an after-dinner speaker and his addresses were culturally inspiring and brightened with a brilliant wit.

In the *Evening Gazette and Republican* of Tuesday, June 30, 1931, the following appeared:

"Dr. J. E. Soukup, prominent dentist and well known in Masonic circles, was found dead in his office on the fourth floor of the Merchants National Bank Building about 9:30 p. m. Monday. Coroner R. A. Vorpahl, who was called, said he could not definitely determine the cause of death, but it is likely that the intense heat tension was a contributing cause."

Funeral services for him were held in Turner Chapel. Dr. Robert Little officiated and Mount Hermon Lodge conducted a service at the grave.



## BENJAMIN L. SHELDON

Worshipful Master

1911

It is difficult to write adequately on a brother so well known, highly admired and much loved, as Past Master Ben Sheldon. The space allowed does not suffice.

Into a family of Revolutionary stock and of intellectual and Christian culture, he was born near Perry Center, New York, on October 26, 1877. With his parents, he came to Cedar Rapids in 1892. He was graduated from the Washington High School and attended the State University of Iowa. Choosing the practice of medicine as his vocation, he entered Rush Medical College and was graduated in 1902. There followed an internship at St. Anthony's Hospital, in Chicago, and two years of intense study in Vienna, Austria and Berlin, Germany. He then returned to Cedar Rapids, entering into a practice continued until his untimely death. He was a member of and served as an officer in several medical societies. As president of the staffs he gave devoted service to St. Luke's and Mercy Hospitals. To the poor he was always a generous friend.

He entered Masonry early. The principles and tenets of the Fraternity appealed to him for they were part of his nature and character. He gave much that was helpful and in partial recognition his brethren made him Worshipful Master for 1911. He also had membership in several of the collateral bodies.

To sincerely mourn him, he left his wife, the former Abbie Shafer, with whom he was joined in marriage on September 14, 1910. With her, as a sincere Christian, he was a member of the First Baptist Church. He died on June 21, 1937. Funeral services at the Barta Chapel were conducted by his pastor, the Reverend Grant F. Anderson, and Mount Hermon Lodge.

With those who knew and loved him there is ever the thought that  
the best portion of a good man's life is

"His little, nameless, unremembered, acts  
Of Kindness and of love."



WILLIAM A. LEEFERS

Worshipful Master

1912

Brother Leefers was born in Tipton, Iowa, on December 26, 1877. He attended the public schools through the High School. He was married on October 14, 1902, and soon after he removed to West Liberty where he purchased a newspaper, the *Enterprise-Index*, which he conducted for three years. He then sold out and came to Cedar Rapids, where he established a job printing business.

He entered Masonry in 1902 in West Liberty. On establishing a residence here, he affiliated with Mount Hermon. He was a steady attendant at meetings and was earnest and efficient in the work. His merit was recognized and he was made Worshipful Master in 1912. His administration was marked in orderly efficiency. He is a member of most of the collateral bodies and in several of them he has held office. Affable with dignity, he has held the respect and regard of the brethren.



D. L. MITCHELL

Worshipful Master

1913

Brother Mitchell was born on May 3, 1875, near Mount Carroll, Illinois, the son of a United Presbyterian minister. His father as well as his mother were graduates of Monmouth College. In 1887 the family moved to Keota, Iowa. There Roy went to school until graduated from the High School in 1891.

In that year he came to Cedar Rapids. He worked for a dry goods store and was secretary of a social club. Then he entered the postal service as finance clerk in the Post

Office and remained in that place for twenty years. He engaged in life insurance for a couple of years. He was then a bank officer for twenty years and back into life insurance, in which he has continued, located in East Chicago, Indiana.

He was married on October 29, 1902, to Miss Rosamond Dorothy Funkey. To them three sons were born. The youngest, Robert M., was in the armed forces for three years serving in the Far East.

Long an active member of the Fraternity, he gave earnest effort in many places and was made master in 1913. He held membership in the Scottish Rite bodies. His has been a long and honorable record in which he can have wholly justified pride.



## ARCHIE A. BENNETT

Worshipful Master

1914



Of stalwart Scotch ancestry, he was born on a farm in Jones County, Iowa, on June 12, 1872. He went to a country school and attended the High School in Anamosa. He came to Cedar Rapids in 1893, where he secured work in a grocery store. He remained in that line for years, but finally gave it up for a place as salesman for an auto company. In June, 1898, he was married to Miss Jessie W. Thoroman.

He recalled with satisfaction that his grandfather had been an active Mason and was prompted to unite with Mount Hermon in 1907. He was faithful in attendance and efficient in the work. His reward came when he was made master in 1914. He also held membership in Iowa Consistory. Much regretted by his many friends he passed from this life on October 8, 1937.



## HARRY AUSTIN PALMER

Worshipful Master

1915

Grand Master Palmer was born in the village of Stoke-upon-Tern, Shropshire, England, on October 17, 1879. He received his early education in the common schools and later took an advanced course at Denstone College, Staffordshire, England.

At the suggestion of his uncle, he left England to make his home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He arrived on August 10, 1896. In October following, he became a messenger boy at the Sinclair Packing Plant. Here

he worked his way up step by step, and when Wilson and Company, Inc., purchased the plant, he became general manager, a position he still holds.

Immediately after taking his job as a messenger boy, although only seventeen years of age, he asked how he could become an American citizen. In due time he petitioned for naturalization. He obtained his final papers on August 20, 1903. His civic life since proves that on him that honor was deservedly conferred. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Community House, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of St. Luke's Hospital, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, and Chairman of the Manufacturers' Bureau of that body.

He was united in marriage November 1, 1910, with Grace F. Yonkers of Cedar Rapids, to which union were born two daughters, Miss Lila, now Mrs. W. J. Bakken of Chicago, and Miss Joyce, now the wife of Lieutenant William R. Fuller of the United States Army.

On October 15, 1908, he was raised in Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263. He has membership in all the collateral bodies. He received the Scottish Rite Degrees in October, 1919, was Master of Kadosh in 1933, received the Degree of K. C. C. H. in 1933 and the Thirty-Third degree on December 12, 1939. He was long secretary of Mount Hermon Lodge. He was granted a District Lecturer's Certificate in 1916. In the Grand Lodge he served on the Committee on Grand Master's Address in 1925 and 1937 and was Deputy Grand Secretary in 1925. He was Senior

Grand Warden in 1929. He was a member of Masonic Service Committee in 1933 and Fraternal Correspondent in 1935. His latest service has been on the Board of Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund.

Brother Palmer's interest in Masonry is well illustrated in his message to the Craft. Some few years ago in answer to a newspaper reporter's question, "Why do you believe in Masonry?" he replied, "For three reasons: first, because there is buried in its ritual and tradition much of the best philosophy of the ages; second, because it has brought me into close contact with some splendid men in every walk of life; and third, because it has afforded me an opportunity of rendering a service to society."

Those who have had the privilege of associating with him agree that he delights to render service to his fellowmen. The source of his philosophy is in the Great Light of Masonry. He officially made the statement that the greatest need in the world today is, "an ever-increasing practical application of the sublime philosophy of the Nazarene."

The poet Longfellow said;

"Let him not boast who puts his armor on  
As he who puts it off, the battle done."

Brother Palmer may have laid aside the responsibilities of office, but he has not put his armor off nor is his battle done. The rich experience which the office of Grand Master gave to him will be used by him to render greater service to the Craft he has loved and served so long.



STANLEY C. MOORE

Worshipful Master

1916

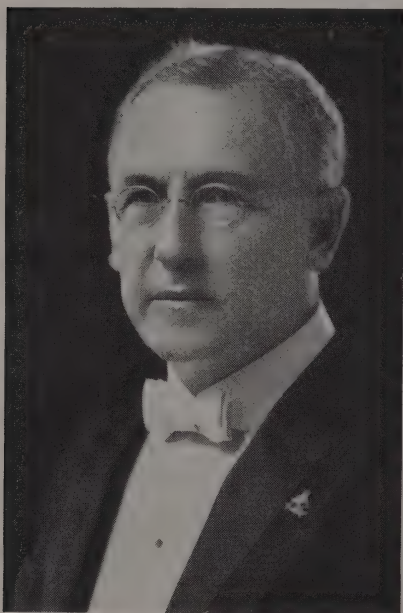
Into a Cedar Rapids family of fine religious and moral standards, Brother Stanley Moore was welcomed on March 23, 1878. The family atmosphere was manifest in all his years. He attended the public schools and was graduated from the Business College.

On reaching manhood he secured employment in the farm loan department of the Aetna Life Insurance Company. In that service he remained for thirty six years, evidencing his perseverance and com-

petency and the satisfaction of his employers. In the last few years he has been active in other affairs.

He was married October 28, 1901, to Pearl Clark of Cedar Rapids. They have one son, Stanley C. Moore, Jr., who is also a member of Mount Hermon Lodge. It was his father's privilege to confer on him the three degrees and coach him on the posting lectures.

He entered Masonry on July 15, 1909. Deeply impressed by what it taught and sought to do he devoted much to it. In recognition of his work and intelligent understanding he was made Master in 1916. He served faithfully and well, nor did his interest later wane for since he has ever been an active influence in all that would produce progress and harmony. His brethren think of him with respect and affection.



EDWARD P. CHILDS

Worshipful Master

1917

Masonry has always had an appeal to the youthful; the young and thoughtful, filled with the urge to make practical the ideal. It is therefore interesting and worthy of special notice, when a man past mid-age, after many years of applied altruism, seeks the opportunity to cooperate with those who are pledged to accomplish good through precept and practice.

Dr. Edward P. Childs was born in Waterloo, New York, on July 22, 1854. He was of Revolutionary stock, with all its background of patriotism and culture. He was graduated from Williams College and from Boston University with the degree of Master of Arts. He entered the Ministry of the Congregational Church and held pastorates in Clarion, Anita, and Harlan, Iowa, and Ashland, Oregon. He entered Hahnemann Medical College, in Chicago, Illinois, and was graduated in May, 1903.

On January 31, 1889, he was married to Gertrude Grant, who died in 1896, at the birth of their son, Grant. In May, 1903, he was united in marriage with Erie Routh, of Brantford, Canada, who reared his motherless boy with all care and love. Immediately after, they came to Cedar



Rapids, where he established himself in the practice of his profession.

Ever alert to forward what would promote social progress he entered Masonry in Mount Hermon Lodge. There his guiding influence was long manifest. Not only in basic Masonry, but in collateral branches, he gave unselfish service. In appreciation of his high character, cultural influence and lovable qualities, he was made Worshipful Master for 1917. He worked with industry and zeal and his administration was outstanding in the accomplishment of Masonic good.

He was a student and a lover of nature and was widely known as a botanist and he was a charter member of the Kelvin Society of Coe College. His fine collection of bugs and butterflies he gave to that school. He had a marked talent in music and participation in musical events gave him joy.

He passed from these earthly scenes on May 8, 1937, and the body was laid away with Masonic honors.

"The best portion of a good man's life  
His little, nameless, unremembered acts  
Of kindness and of love."

HUGH W. McLEOD

Worshipful Master

1918



This long time, active, earnest and much respected Mason, Brother McLeod, was born in Pleasant Hill, Iowa, on November 29, 1879. His family removed to Cedar Rapids in 1897. He attended the public schools and on September 30, 1898, he entered the local post office, as a clerk. The postal service claimed his activities during the rest of his life. Through industry, merit and devotion to duty, he climbed the ladder until he was Assistant Postmaster.

On October 27, 1907, he was united in marriage with Miss Grace Cummings. They had two children, Hugh Wallace, Jr., and Danelia Jane. The confining nature of his work denied participation in public affairs or community movements. His

one activity, to which he was much devoted, was Masonry. He entered the fraternity in 1906. The principles and precepts appealed to him for they accorded with his thought and character. As his time would permit, he served faithfully where he could. That service had its reward when he was elevated to the office of Worshipful Master for 1918. He held membership in several of the collateral bodies.

The general regard in which he was held was expressed by his chief, Postmaster Huston, when he said, "he was a thoroughly competent and most likeable man."

He died on August 24, 1920. The Reverend Doctor E. R. Burkhalter officiated at the funeral and at the grave his brethren of Mount Hermon Lodge joined in the Masonic service.



## JAROSLAV H. VOSMEK

Worshipful Master

1919

A native son, J. H. Vosmek was born on April 26, 1873, into a family of high moral and cultural ideals. He attended the public schools and was graduated from the school of Pharmacy, in the Iowa State University, in 1896. He entered the employ of a large drug manufacturing concern and maintained that connection throughout his business life.

He was happily married to Miss Vera Rypka of Owatonna, Minnesota. They have two children: Mrs. Clestine Bowen, of Houston, Texas, and Lieutenant John Vosmek, of the United States Army. When Brother Vosmek retired from active business he joined his son there in Seattle, Washington.

Deeply interested in Masonry, Brother Vosmek gave Mount Hermon long and faithful service. Efficient and willing he filled minor places until in recognition he was made Worshipful Master in 1919. His natural talent for the ritual, his geniality and his ever kindly consideration endeared him to all.

## ARTHUR E. CHASE

Worshipful Master

1920



It was good to know Brother Chase. It is comforting now to remember him as a friend. With industry and honesty, he made, in a modest way, what the world calls success. A simple record of his life should be helpful to other young men.

On January 26, 1875, he was born on a farm in Clay County, Iowa. He attended the common school in Goodwin, South Dakota, and Washington High School in Cedar Rapids. He first worked for the Cedar Rap-

ids and Marion City Railway. Then for several years he drove a delivery truck for a laundry. He was thrifty and by 1904 was able to independently establish a business of his own. It became the Troy Laundry Company, which he still owned and operated at the time of his death.

On November 26, 1902, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Miller. As a good business man, he was welcomed as a director in several successful local corporations. With public spirit and with a desire to be socially helpful he was active in organizations with altruistic aims. For many years he was a member of the official Board of the Trinity Methodist Church.

In Masonry he had a particular interest. He received the degrees in 1910. He was regular in attendance and was soon proficient in the work. He well discharged the duties in several minor places and this was recognized when he was made Master for 1920. Always affable and courteous, he gave the Lodge capable and prosperous administration. He held membership in all the collateral bodies and in several of them held important place.

He died on January 11, 1942. The funeral service in Turner Chapel was conducted by the Reverend J. P. Van Horn. The large attendance of his brothers and friends evidenced the respect and regard in which he was held.



## GEORGE F. WINGERT

Worshipful Master

1921

Brother Wingert was born in Nevada, Iowa, on June 8, 1883. He attended the public schools and went to work in his teens. He removed to Marshalltown, Iowa, in 1908. For a time he was in Missoula, Montana, and then he came to Cedar Rapids.

On January 1, 1906, he joined Miss Caroline Beeson in marriage. They have been blest with four fine sons, three of whom were in the armed forces, during the last war, where they served with credit and distinction.

In May, 1913, he entered Masonry in Harmony Lodge No. 49, at Missoula, Montana. In 1914 on demit he united with Mount Hermon Lodge. He was interested and advanced through the chairs to the honor of Master in 1921. His work was excellent and he was granted a certificate of proficiency.

To Brother Harry A. Palmer, he is particularly grateful for the meticulously careful instruction he received from him.

Brother Wingert now lives in Minneapolis, but retains his interest and membership in his home lodge.





## D. E. TIFFANY

Worshipful Master

1922

Brother Tiffany was born in Harvard, Illinois, on January 10, 1869, where his father J. W. Tiffany was a physician. While yet an infant, the family moved to Center Point, Iowa, where the father continued the practice of his profession. Young Tiffany attended the public schools and the State University of Iowa, where he was graduated from the College of Medicine.

After a brief stay in his childhood home, he located in Cedar Rapids. Here he continued in active practice

for many years, with a year out for further study in Vienna, Austria. In 1922 he removed to San Jose, California, where he continued his professional work, until his death, which occurred on March 30, 1941.

In 1900 he was united in marriage with Miss Estelle Derflinger, who died in 1931. They had no children.

He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on June 23, 1910. Masonry appealed to him. He practiced its precepts and in its circles his influence for good was ever manifest. He was an old style gentleman, whose hand was always extended in brotherly love and affection.



## HARRY J. MANCHESTER

Worshipful Master

1923

Into a family distinguished for industry and integrity, Brother Manchester was born in Lisbon, Iowa, on January 21, 1872. Two years later they removed to Cedar Rapids. He received his scholastic training in the public schools. Serious and reverent minded, he was regular in attendance at the First Lutheran Church and Sunday School.

His first work was as a member of the Fire Department. Then he went into railroad service, first with the Northwestern and then with the Rock Island. He was a faithful and valued employee. Then for three years he was constable in the office of Judge Travis. In 1926 he was elected sheriff of the county and served there for four years. He was regarded as a competent and capable official.

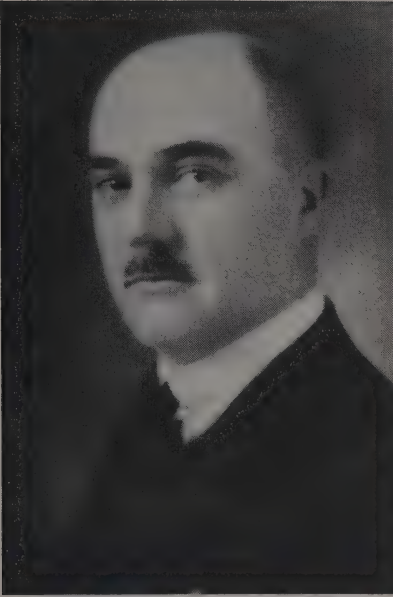
On August 30, 1900, he was united in marriage with Miss Ida May Fawcett. Theirs has been an ideal relationship.

He became a qualified Master Mason in 1915. Deeply interested, he gave much to the Fraternity. After having served faithfully and well in minor places, and wholly proficient in the work, he was rewarded with office of Master. He gave the lodge excellent administration. Nor did he on retirement from office lose interest. He has been faithful in attendance at meetings and has been a real counsellor and guide for those less informed. He has the respect and regard of his brethren.

## JAMES E. PATTERSON

Worshipful Master

1924



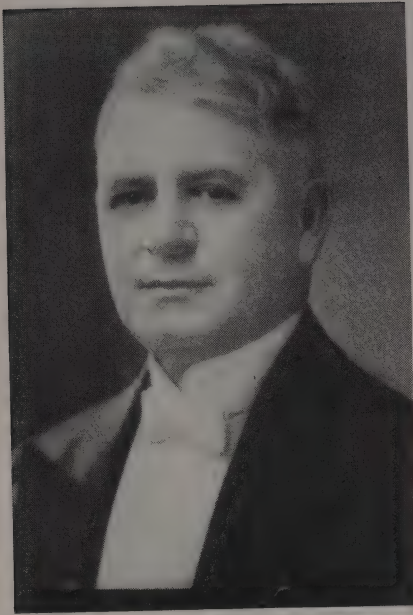
This highly regarded brother, James E. Patterson, was born near Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, on November 15, 1883. While he was yet a child the family moved to central Nebraska and a little later to Cedar Falls, Iowa. There the boy grew up attending the public schools and being graduated from the High School. He attended the State Teachers College for three years. For a time he engaged in teaching, being superintendent of schools at West Point and Plainfield. Following his early am-

bition, he enrolled in the University of Minnesota Law School from which he was graduated in 1911 with the degree of L.L.B. He practiced his profession in Minneapolis until 1914 when he came to Cedar Rapids.

In 1912 he was married to Miss Leo Scofield of LaPorte, Iowa. Two children have been born to them: Wade S. Patterson, a W. M. T. broadcaster, well known as "Pat" Patterson, and Priscilla Challed of Cedar Rapids.

In social betterment activities he has been modestly helpful. Always interested in what Masonry sought to teach, he became active in Mount Hermon work and in recognition of his devotion he was made Master for 1924.

Quiet, courteous and urbane, he gained and has held the respect and affection of all who associated with him.



## SAMUEL M. DUNCAN

Worshipful Master

1925

Brother Duncan's folks, of distinguished lineage, were long residents of Chapin, Illinois, where Sam was born on July 6, 1873. They moved to Cedar Rapids when he was a child. He had school attendance through High School, then went to work in a grocery store. His employer, a Mr. Rudolph, was an old timer in the business. Sam was a faithful worker and soon ran the place. Finally he bought it and conducted it successfully for years. When he tired of the drudgery of it,

he sold out and took charge of the Delavan Hotel, where he lived and died.

Aside from Masonry, and membership in the Baptist Church, he had few interests or activities. He was made a Mason in Mount Hermon in 1913. He took immediate interest in the work and ultimately was made Master for 1925. He had membership in several of the collateral bodies, but gave particular service to the Eastern Star in which his wife, a brilliant and talented woman, was long, in a state-wide way, a leader. He was modest and affable in manner and popular with the craft.

He died suddenly on December 29, 1931. The Masonic funeral service was conducted by his lodge brethren, with Past Master, the Reverend P. W. Jacobson, in charge.



## PAUL NEWTON CLARK

## Worshipful Master

1926



Paul Newton Clark was born May 15, 1876, at Belle Plaine, Iowa, the family moving to Cedar Rapids a few months later. His parents came West from Vermont after the Civil War. They were both from families that settled in New England about 1639. His father was a graduate of Middlebury College and an officer in a Vermont Regiment during the Civil War, while his mother was a graduate of Mount Holyoke College.

Paul was graduated from Washington High School in Cedar Rapids,

and from Coe College in 1895. During his senior year he played center rush and was captain of the football team. He was also Editor-in-Chief of Coe College *Cosmos*, the college paper. He was engaged in business in Chicago for a few years after graduating. He returned to Cedar Rapids, and for thirty-five years was Secretary and Treasurer of The Hedges Company. Prominent in real estate circles, he served as President of the local realtors organization, and in 1941 was President of the Iowa State Real Estate Association.

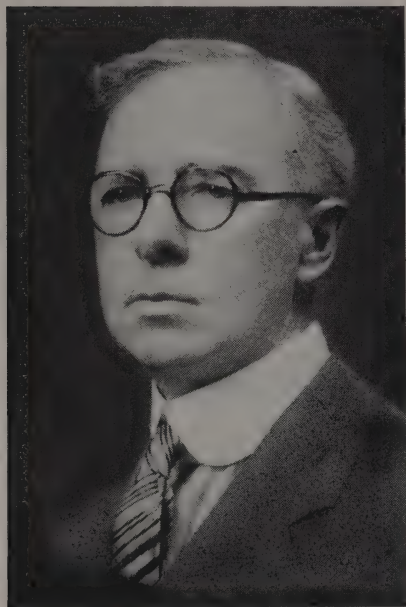
He was always active in civic affairs, serving on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, and as a member of the Board of Water Commissioners. He was a member of the First Congregational Church and one of its Board of Trustees. He belonged to the Sons of the American Revolution and in 1942 was State Commander of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

His chief interest in life was in Masonry. He was Worshipful Master of Mount Hermon Lodge; Grand Treasurer and, afterwards, Grand Trustee of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Grand Patron of the Eastern Star; Potentate of El Kahir Shrine, a member of the Knights Templar and of Iowa Consistory, in which he held the honorary thirty third degree.

Brother Clark was married in November 1899, to Katherine Armstrong, who preceded him in death. He was survived by two daughters, Ethel Phillips, who with her husband and two daughters live in Chicago,

and Lillian Clark, for many years a teacher in Benjamin Franklin High School in Cedar Rapids.

Deeply regretted by his many friends and his Masonic brothers, Brother Clark died on March 28, 1944. His mortal remains were laid away with Masonic honors.



WALTER STEPHEN NEWELL

Worshipful Master

1927

To one writing history the most difficult task is to gather the material for a biographical sketch. Praise must not be over emphasized nor censure too much in mind. The truth, modestly told, must suffice. To one who has known Walter Newell, "Prof," through the years, telling is not difficult. Just retell what he has, in friendly converse, told of himself.

He was born at Glenwood, Iowa, July 30, 1871, a son of Charles Henry and Mary (Dolber) Newell, who came to Iowa soon after the Civil War. His father felt called to the service of the Methodist ministry, consequently Walter's boyhood was lived in several western Iowa small towns or rural communities. He began his schooling in a rural school in the Jordan Chapel community and his mother was his first teacher.

At the age of thirteen, after the death of his mother, the family life was disrupted and he joined the household of his Aunt in Brimfield, Massachusetts. His adolescent years were spent in the New England small town, with its Congregational meeting house, the church choir, an academy, and the normal social life and companionships of the boys and girls of the later teen age. A definite objective was held before him—to get a college education. Circumstances favored that aim, for they went to New York City, where he prepared for entrance by attending a private school for boys.

After four years at Columbia University, he was graduated in June, 1895. During his senior year he was engaged as a part-time teacher in

Greek. Perhaps this circumstance may have set him in the direction of the teaching profession. Not finding a job in the fall of 1895, he went to Boston University and worked for a Master's Degree, majoring in Philosophy. The next three years were spent in further study, with two objectives, first, to get professional training as a teacher, second, to continue his chosen line of philosophy to a Doctor's Degree. Part of this period was spent in the State Normal College at Albany, New York, and another part at Harvard University.

In July, 1899, he was married to Bessie McElwain of Middlefield, Massachusetts. They have three daughters: Mrs. C. H. Cobb, Tipton, Iowa; Mrs. Cornelius D. Vreeland, Jr., Little Falls, New Jersey, and Miss Noel Newell, Cedar Rapids.

His first venture was a seven-year service as principal of the High School in Sharon, Connecticut. Significant during the period was the fact that he completed his work on the doctorate in philosophy.

In 1909 he came to Coe College to begin what proved to be a long engagement in philosophy and psychology, besides administrative work in connection with the "Summer Session" during part of the period. In 1936 he was retired as Emeritus Professor.

Scholastically he is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Iowa Academy of Science, American Association for the Advancement of Science.

In a busy life he has found time for music, fishing and gardening, and is always alert to a good book.

Let it be added, by one who for forty years has had an active interest in Masonry, that no man within that time has better exemplified Masonic principle and precept or exercised a greater influence for good than has this best beloved brother.



## O. L. LEEFERS

Worshipful Master

1928

On October 12, 1882, into a pioneer family of Cedar County, Iowa, was born a son, Otis L. Leefers. The boy attended the grade schools and was graduated from the high school. In the course of Civil Engineering he was graduated from the Iowa State College in 1905. He engaged in his profession of engineering and private and public construction. For sixteen years he was Building Inspector for the City of Cedar Rapids and during that period he compiled a Building Code.

On December 20, 1906, he was united in marriage with Miss Alice Watts, of Ames, Iowa. Two daughters blest them, Mrs. Arthur Eichelkraut of Macomb, Illinois, and Mrs. Jerome Smith, of Troy, New York.

He became a Mason in Cedar Lodge No. 11, Tipton, Iowa, in 1910, and through a demit entered Mount Hermon Lodge in 1914. Masonry appealed to him and in the ranks he gave earnest and helpful service. That service and his high character was recognized when he was made Master for 1928. He had membership in the collateral bodies and in the Scottish Rite he held distinguished place, culminating in the Honorary Thirty Third Degree.

He died on July 8, 1940. There was a Rose Croix service in the Consistory Temple and the Masonic Service at the place of interment. In his brief address, the Chaplain closed with what may well be repeated here: "His presence was always an inspiration."



## OTTO R. LAMBERTSON

Worshipful Master

1929



A native son, Brother Lambertson was born in Cedar Rapids on June 1, 1894. He attended the local schools. While yet in high school he secured work with the Milwaukee Railroad and has been with that corporation ever since. He was married in 1937, but he and his spouse have not been blest with children.

After a long and active Masonic membership, his interest, ability and ever helpfulness was recognized by his selection as Worshipful Master. He was wholly qualified, as a Dis-

trict Lecturer, and he gave the Lodge an excellent administration. He was mostly responsible for creating the Inter-Relations Committee, which has done much in creating harmony and co-operation between the three local symbolic lodges.

While Brother Lambertson has been gone from here for several years, his old lodge associates still recall him with admiration and affection.



## DANA R. HOLDEN

Worshipful Master

1930

Of stalwart Puritan stock, Brother Holden was born in Pittsford, Vermont, on September 2, 1871. For schooling he attended the Country School, the High School in Brandon and the Troy Conference Academy at Poultney.

He arrived in Cedar Rapids in September 1890 and entered the employ of the B., C. R. & N. Railroad. Later he engaged in the book and stationery line in which he continued until his retirement in 1938.

On April 17, 1895, he was united in marriage with Miss Emma C. Sorenson. They had three daughters, all living, and widely separated. Mrs. Holden died in 1931. A Consistent Christian, he has been a life long member of the Congregational Church, serving on the Board of Deacons for many years. Through inheritance he has the honor of membership in the Sons of the American Revolution.

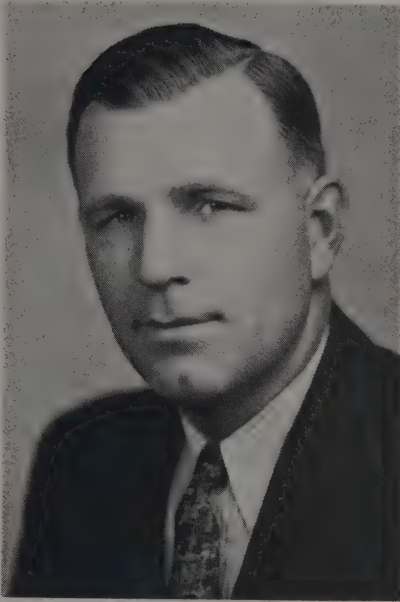
He entered Masonry in Mount Hermon during 1922. He served faithfully in minor places for several years, reaching the Mastership in 1930. Meticulously careful in the rendition of the ritual, he held the certificate of a District Lecturer.

Modest and retiring he was content to have his place in the Fraternity as a laborer in the vineyard.

## EDWARD E. LOWE

Worshipful Master

1931



Edward E. Lowe was born on April 3, 1895, in St. Louis, Missouri. Deprived of a mother from his birth and the attendant influence which this had on his father, he was compelled early in life to work, and school became a secondary matter. He had a parental background of culture and education, and he attended school whenever possible. Although much of his education was obtained in night schools he developed the habits of an intelligent reader.

At fourteen he started to shift for himself. Wanderlust developed, and we find him working in Cedar Rapids, in West Virginia as a stationary engineer, in Pittsburgh in the steel mills and attending Carnegie Technical Night School. When the World War was on, he enlisted in the navy and was honorably discharged on April 3, 1919, as a Chief Machinist Mate. He worked in New York for the Worthington Pump Company and the Goodyear Rubber Company, attending night school at Columbia University.

On August 12, 1918, he returned to Cedar Rapids and was married. A son, Winston, was graduated from the University of Iowa and served in World War II as a member of the 8th Air Force.

Brother Lowe, after serving two years with the Quaker Oats Company, entered the life insurance business and is now assistant manager of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.

Mention must be made of his contribution to civic life. He has served in various capacities; the most important perhaps was his work on the Safety Commission and that of the Municipal Civil Service Commission of which he was twice chairman.

Naturally he was attracted to Masonry, and entered on full membership on October 18, 1923. In December, 1924, he was appointed Junior Steward and for 1931 he served as Worshipful Master. He took his Masonry seriously, was courageous in championing a cause and was soon

recognized for his ability, character and intelligent interest. He proved himself proficient in the Ritual and passed the test June 5, 1925, and was granted a District Lecturer's Certificate No. 579.

He was appointed Senior Grand Deacon in 1930 and has served repeatedly on the Committee on Credentials. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1939. He is also a member of the several collateral bodies.

As a man and a Mason he has made a worth-while record.



JOHN B. FINNEY

Worshipful Master

1932

In the atmosphere of a thousand years of English progress, culture and idealism, Brother Finney was born. The place was Leeds and the date April 25, 1876.

With a sound educational basis, he had employment with a life insurance company. He came to the United States in 1901. For a time he had a photographic studio and then took up the general handling of real estate, which has been his occupation since. His business capacity and his sense of honor have given

him a high place in the profession.

With a long entertained respect for the Fraternity, he became a Master Mason in Mount Hermon Lodge on February 27, 1919. Devoted to the principles taught, he gave steady and faithful service in many places. In appreciation his brethren made him Master in 1932. The completion of his year did not close his labors, for in the years succeeding, he has given much to ritualistic rendition and in counsel, advice and helpfulness in lodge conduct.



## CONRAD L. STOOKEY

Worshipful Master

1933



Into a family distinguished for high moral standards and intellectual attainment Conrad L. Stookey was born on April 10, 1882. He attended country school, Coe College, and Highland Park College in Des Moines. After temporary service in several lines, in 1917 he accepted employment in the Cedar Rapids Post Office and still serves there.

On October 10, 1907, he was married to Miss Ruby E. Carnes. They have two sons.

In Mount Hermon Lodge he received the Master's degree on October 30, 1924. He displayed his interest by serving in many minor places. His industry and zeal were recognized in the Mastership in 1933. He has maintained his early interest and has been earnest in attendance and helpful in all ways. He has membership in most of the collateral bodies. His church affiliation is in St. Paul's Methodist Church.



P. W. JACOBSON

Worshipful Master

1934

The earnest and active Mason is gratified when membership is sought by men, moral and intelligent, eager to help accomplish the good to which the fraternity is pledged. They will help others rise from the grossly material to the uprightness that should characterize a Master Mason. How much more then is the joy with the advent of one who also sees the spirit rise to be again a part of Him who gave it. May that properly preface a reference to a much beloved brother, the Reverend

Peter W. Jacobson.

Of rugged Norwegian stock, with a background of moral and religious culture, he was born in Lanesboro, Minnesota, on July 3, 1879. His education was through the common and high school and in Macalester College, St. Paul, from which he was graduated in 1903 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. From the McCormick Theological Seminary, at Chicago, he was graduated in 1906. After graduation he held pastorates in Ely, Minnesota, Panora and Knoxville, Iowa, and finally in Cedar Rapids from 1917 to April, 1926, having charge of the Central Park Presbyterian Church. He then accepted the position of Professor of Bible in Coe College. In 1923 that school had conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. In addition to his pastoral and educational responsibilities, he gave much to social service, especially among the younger boys in the Young Men's Christian Association.

On June 19, 1907, he was united in marriage with Miss Bessie S. Doig of Claremont, Minnesota. Their two children are Katherine Doig Wood of Pullman, Washington, and John Westin Jacobson of Marshalltown, Iowa.

He entered the Masonic fraternity when a resident of Panora. When he came to Cedar Rapids he transferred his membership to Mount Hermon. The precepts and tenets were a part of his life and his heart was

in imparting them to others and among the younger men his fine and guiding influence was ever manifest. He was not a place seeker, but pure appreciation of character and service made him Master of the lodge for 1934. He was not permitted to finish his term for the finger of God touched him and he was not, "His work was not finished, but his column was broken."

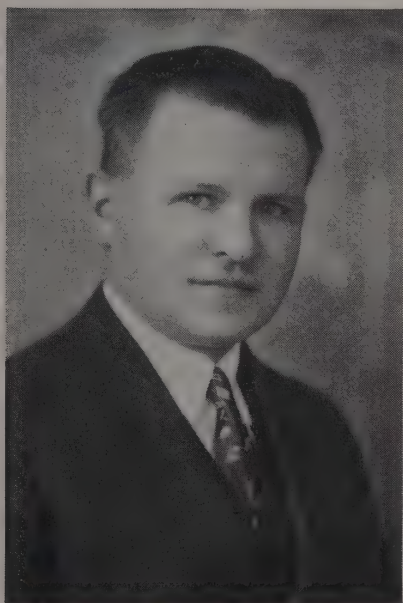
In the collateral bodies he had taken interest and in the Apollo Commandery of the Knights Templar he had been Commander and Grand Chaplain.

During his later years he renewed his interest in the Norwegian language and in the study of the National literature.

On September 9, 1934, he died suddenly while driving home from a meeting in Dubuque. With services in Cedar Rapids and Claremont, Minnesota, interment was made in Dodge Center, Minnesota.

Devoted to the altruistic, he did not over emphasize the material which the world too much values. Of him it may be said:

"A man he was to all the country dear,  
And passing rich on forty pounds a year."



CHARLES B. ZALESKY

Worshipful Master

1935

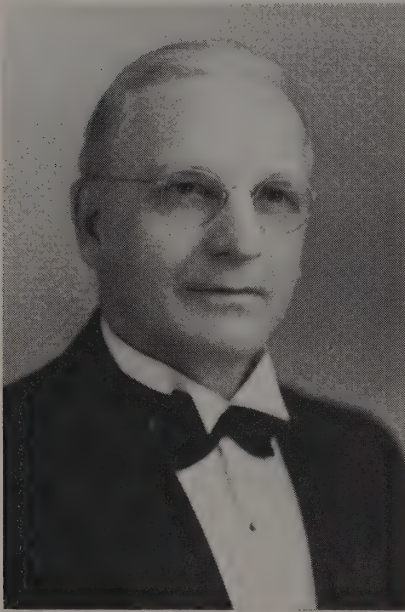
Born in Cedar Rapids on November 2, 1889, Brother Zalesky had schooling up to the eleventh grade and then worked in the office of a local architect for one year. He entered the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia to study Architecture, specializing in design, engineering and administration work. After completing the course in 1910, he worked in offices in Boston and Chicago.

In September 1912 he was married to Clara B. Holloway of Cedar Rapids, leaving shortly after for Winnipeg, Canada, where he worked in his profession until 1919, when he returned to Cedar Rapids and opened an office for private practice.

He entered Mt. Hermon Lodge No. 263 on November 11, 1926, and was appointed Junior Steward in 1929. By steady advance he became Master for the year 1935. Proficient in the work, he was made a District Lecturer in the same year.

In 1943 he entered the Government War Service and was appointed to the Schick Hospital project at Clinton, Iowa. Upon completion of that work, he was transferred to Prince Rupert, B. C. In 1944 he was transferred to Fort Richardson, at Anchorage, Alaska. From there he went to the Aleutians with the Army Engineers as Senior Engineer. In July of 1945 he returned to Cedar Rapids and reopened his office.

He has a record in which his friends have pride.



JOHN R. WATSON

Worshipful Master

1936

On January 30, 1878, Brother Watson was born in a small village in Jackson County, Iowa. A few months later the family moved to Kansas where they lived for twelve years, returning to Iowa in 1891, locating in Maquoketa. There young John went to school and was graduated from the High School in 1898. Almost immediately he enlisted in Company M of the 49th Iowa Volunteer Infantry. With that organization he served in the United States and Cuba throughout the Spanish-

American War. On his return home he attended the Cedar Rapids Business College, finishing his course in 1900.

In 1905 he was married to Miss Alice J. Watson and to them have come the blessing of four fine children, two sons, two daughters. For a few years he lived on his farm near Rowley, but since has lived continuously in Cedar Rapids, engaged in several occupations, with insurance his principal interest in recent years.

In Masonry he was raised in Holman Lodge No. 593, Rowley, on April 12, 1923. Through demit he affiliated with Mt. Hermon Lodge in April, 1926. Deeply interested in the principles and meaning of



Masonry, he devoted his energy and talents to teaching those less informed. Serving in minor places he was deservedly honored with the Mastership in 1936. Nor did he lose interest with that service for since he has been an active and intelligent director in all lodge affairs. He is also a member of most of the collateral bodies. In his modesty he would not say it, but those who have known him through the years can say of him, "Well born, he was a patriot, a loyal worker, a good citizen, a sincere Mason and a Christian gentleman."



EARL B. DELZELL

Worshipful Master

1937

Brother Delzell was born in Idaville, Indiana, on August 17, 1883. He came to Iowa in 1899, was graduated from the Clarion High School in 1901, attended Monmouth College at Monmouth, Illinois, for two years and was then graduated from Highland Park College in Des Moines in the Liberal Arts Course. Between his college work at Monmouth and Des Moines, he was graduated from the University of Commerce at Indianapolis, Indiana.

He did graduate work in education

in the University of Iowa where he was affiliated with Phi Delta Kappa.

For eighteen years he was engaged in public school work. He taught in the Stringtown country school in Adams County, was principal of Rawson grade school in Corning, and Superintendent of Schools at Shannon City, Ellston, College Springs, and Shenandoah. For three years he was educational representative for a publishing concern and began work as an assistant to Grand Secretary C. C. Hunt on March 1, 1929.

On June 22, 1910, he married Miss Grace Henry of Shannon City, Iowa. To them have been born four sons, all of whom were in military service. Milford M., was Major and Director of the Ground Forces at Geneva Field at Fairmont, Nebraska; Wendell M., a Lieutenant was supply and disbursing officer on the U. S. S. Lackawana in the South

Pacific; Earl B., Jr., served overseas with the 13th Armored Division; and Sterling W., was stationed at Chatham Field, Georgia.

The Delzells are Presbyterians. He has been an Elder in the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Cedar Rapids for years and has been teacher of the Happy Home Makers Sunday School Class, a group of over 50 couples.

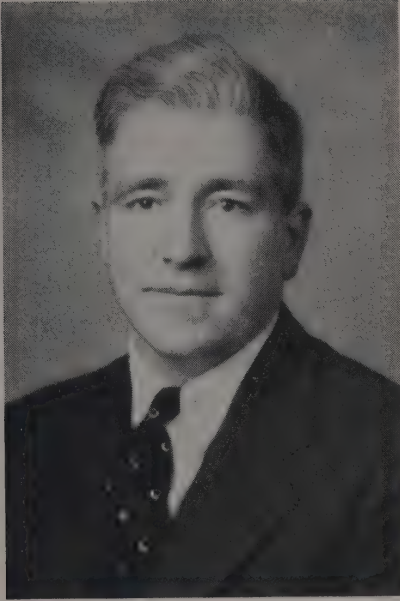
He received his Masonic Degrees in Nodaway Lodge No. 140 at Clarinda, Iowa, on March 9, June 22, and October 4, 1917. He demitted to Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263 at Cedar Rapids on May 10, 1929. He is also a member of all the collateral bodies and has held office in some of them.

He passed his proficiency examination in the Ritual at Charles City in January, 1932, and three years later was issued District Lecturer's Certificate No. 801.

In the Grand Lodge of Iowa he served as Senior Grand Steward in 1935 through appointment by the then Grand Master, John T. Ames. He was appointed Deputy Grand Secretary at the Grand Lodge session at Burlington in 1940.

In the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Iowa, Brother Delzell is now serving as Grand Captain-General.

Following the resignation of C. C. Hunt, Grand Secretary for 20 years, when ill health necessitated such action, the Grand Master, William L. Perkins, appointed and installed Brother Delzell Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa on June 21, 1945, in his own lodge, Mount Hermon No. 263.



## WALTER D. POTTER

Worshipful Master

1938

Brother Potter was born on March 4, 1898, at Deep River, Iowa. He attended the local schools until he was graduated from the High School in 1915. A year later he came to Cedar Rapids and secured employment with Wilson & Co., with whom he served until 1935. He then organized the Linn County Produce Company and has since conducted that concern.

In 1919 he was married to Miss Helen M. Pinckney and they have two sons, both grown to manhood

and established in life for themselves.

He entered Mount Hermon Lodge in 1929. He took an immediate and active interest and filled the junior offices, being honored with the Mastership in 1938. He was proficient in the ritual and is a District Lecturer.

His is an honorable record of which he may feel proud. In character he has been an example to "Those less informed," and he stands high in the regard and respect of his brethren.



## WALTER M. KREBS

Worshipful Master

1939

Into an old family, long prominent in civic and religious activities, Brother Krebs was born on December 10, 1878. He received his education in the public schools. He entered work life in the family business and devoted himself to it all his years of activity.

He was married in 1899 and the union was blest with four children, all now grown and living here.

Masonically he became a qualified Master Mason in 1930. Active and helpful through the following years,

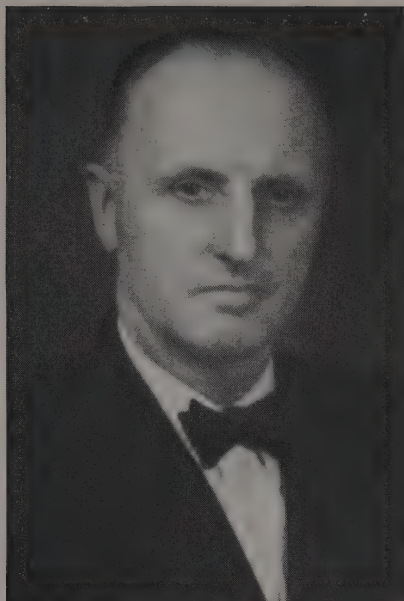
he was made Master in 1939. His administration was marked with industry and zeal and maintained the standards and ideals of Mount Hermon.



## GEORGE RALPH LIDDLE

Worshipful Master

1940



Brother Liddle is a native son. He was born here on April 25, 1896. He was of that stalwart English stock that has furnished so much to American progress, culture and morals. He was number five in a closely knit family of six. Attending the public schools he was graduated from the High School in the class of 1916. While making a fine record in scholastic work, he made a notable record in athletics. He attended Coe College for a year but when

came the call for war service, he on April 30, 1917, enlisted in what became the 126th Field Artillery in the 34th Division. His honorable and intelligent service was recognized with a commission. On his discharge he re-entered Coe College and was graduated in the class of 1921.

He entered the employ of an investment concern and when familiar with the business opened an office in Cedar Rapids under the name of George R. Liddle & Company, which he conducted successfully for ten years. In ambition and with much industry he had read law and was admitted to practice at the bar and entered the law firm of Yessler, Liddle & Fahey.

On September 1, 1923, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Lyle and this union has been blest with three children: two boys and a girl. Both boys have served in the armed forces during the last war.

He completed his entry into Masonry in October, 1922. He was efficient in the work and after devoted service in many places was in recognition made Worshipful Master for 1940.

With his family he removed to California in 1944, where he returned to his first business love and again entered the investment field.

He had given much to Mount Hermon which his brethren had appreciated and they regretted the severance of the friendly and fraternal ties.



## OLIVER LEE ECKERT

Worshipful Master

1941

Here is the story of an Iowa boy. Brother Eckert was born at Dows on November 19, 1892. Eight years later with his parents he came to Cedar Rapids. He attended the public schools and was graduated from Washington High School in 1911. His father and brothers were employed by the Street Railway Company and he naturally joined them and soon had a regular run. A daily passenger with him was Miss Gladys Noble. The acquaintance ripened into romance and they were

married on June 10, 1914. For family reasons he changed his occupation and took a place in the office of the Douglas Starch Works and has since been with that organization and its successor Penick and Ford where he is now general store keeper.

Modest in temperament, he is equally so in his hobbies, and although he may have reason to be modest regarding his golf score, he usually plays a challenging game. He is an ardent baseball fan and thoroughly enjoys outdoor sports. He has repeatedly been in charge of the sports of his own company and other organizations.

The family church association is with St. Paul's Methodist Church.

Brother Eckert received his Masonic Degrees in Mount Hermon Lodge in the spring of 1919, being initiated on March 27, passed on May 8, and raised on May 22.

He was first appointed by the then Worshipful Master, John R. Watson, to serve as Senior Steward in 1936 and has advanced annually until his elevation of that of Master for 1941. He is also a member of Trowel Chapter No. 49, R. A. M.; Palestine Council No. 27, R. & S. M.; Apollo Commandery No. 26, K. T.; Iowa Consistory; and El Kahir Shrine.

He is a Past Patron of Cedar Chapter, a Past Watchman of the White Shrine, and since 1944 secretary of Mount Hermon Lodge.

## EDWIN EMIL HRUSKA

Worshipful Master

1942



It gives real pleasure to write on these younger Masters who have carried on in the best traditions of the craft. Brother Hruska is an outstanding example of them. The old men of the service can love him as a son.

His grandparents, born in Czechoslovakia, came to Iowa in 1865, settled on a farm, and in industry and integrity accorded with the best American ideals. Naturally his parents were good people and good citizens.

Ed was born in Cedar Rapids on April 9, 1895. He attended the Public Schools, finishing in the High School in 1913. He entered the Iowa University Dental College and was graduated in 1916. Since then he has successfully practiced his profession here.

On April 11, 1917, he was married to Miss Hylda C. Spevacek, of Iowa City, and this union has been blest with three fine girls; Jeanne Marie, Betty Lou, and Margaret Alice.

When patriotism called he responded. He was a Lieutenant in World War I and is now an ardent member of the American Legion. He and his family are members of St. John's Episcopal Church and he is one of the vestry.

With his character and intelligence, it was but natural that Masonry should appeal to him. He was rated qualified on April 29, 1920. With eagerness and industry he qualified as an instructor in 1937 and was granted the Certificate of District Lecturer in 1940. His deserved reward of elevation to the Mastership came in 1942. He has membership in several collateral bodies and has served Trowel Chapter as Secretary since 1937. In the Knights Templar he has served as Recorder since 1934 and was Eminent Commander for the year 1945. He has also served as Recorder in Palestine Council since 1937 and was Worthy Patron of Cedar Chapter O. E. S. in 1945.



His fine personal character, his affable kindness, and his devotion to Masonic ideals make him one of the best beloved.



## HARRY K. BURMEISTER

Worshipful Master

1943

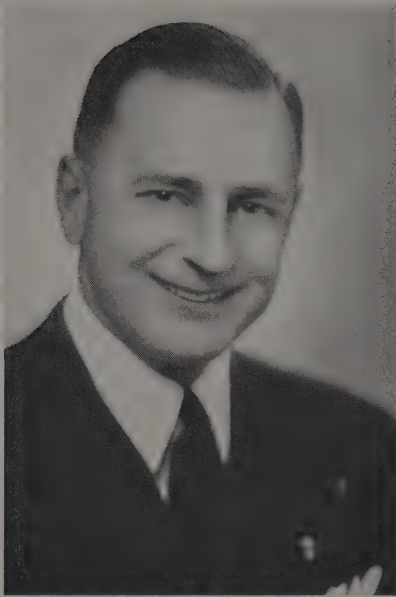
Another native son, Brother Burmeister was born in Cedar Rapids on December 5, 1905. He attended the local schools and was graduated from Grant High School in 1923. He received the Bachelor of Science degree from Coe College in 1926, and Master of Science from Iowa University in 1938. He taught book-keeping and history in the high schools of Mechanicsville, Perry, and Cedar Rapids.

He took a strong interest in DeMolay and for meritorious and dis-

tinguished service received all the honors that order had to confer.

He entered Masonry in Mechanicsville in 1927 and later by demit became a member of Mount Hermon Lodge. Eager and intelligent, he soon became wholly proficient and filled minor offices with credit. In recognition he was selected for Worshipful Master for 1943. Imbued with patriotic spirit, he resigned the office and entered the armed forces, where he served throughout with honor and distinction, reaching the rank of captain. In 1944 under Grand Master Jory he served the Grand Lodge as Junior Grand Deacon during the Centennial Session. He is a member of all the collateral Masonic bodies. He holds a membership in the First English Lutheran Church. As a man, a patriot, a Mason and a Christian, he has made a record which his brethren respect and admire and in which he may have pride.





T. H. DeWEES

Worshipful Master

1943

An old time doctor here, when present at a birth, would sometimes say that the child was well born. He did not mean born to wealth or social position, but sound in body and mind and with a background of morality and Christian culture. By that measure Brother DeWees was well born. When on August 10, 1900, he arrived, his parents, of Quaker stock, lived on a farm near Whittier, a Quaker town. The boy went to a Quaker school and Academy and attended a Quaker church.

So when in early manhood he stood on his own, he was equipped for self support with all that makes for an industrious and moral life.

He engaged in several occupations, all with modest but satisfactory returns. Eventually he had his own business, which he successfully operated. While in California, he met Miss Helen Packard and they were married in 1926. They have two sons, Herbert and Earl. All the family have membership in the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

He is a member of many organizations, some business, social or fraternal and others seeking betterment in our social life as in helpfulness to the Boy Scouts.

Attracted to Masonry, he consummated a membership on June 25, 1936. The moral character and the beautiful expression of the ritual appealed to him and he perfected his knowledge of it to the end that in 1942 he was rated as a proficient. When in 1934 Worshipful Master Burmeister resigned to enter the armed forces, Brother DeWees was chosen to fill out the unexpired term. He has maintained his interest and has since given valued service as a member of the Inter-relations Committee.



## CHARLES PENNINGROTH

Worshipful Master

1944

It is worth notice when the doors of Masonry open to one of stalwart stock, moral rearing, sound education, patriotic impulse, and with intelligence and culture. In these Brother Penningroth stand preeminent.

His grandparents were born and reared in Germany, coming to this country in 1848, and eventually settling in that farming paradise—Cedar County, Iowa. There his father was born in 1860. In that closely knit community, thrift, in-

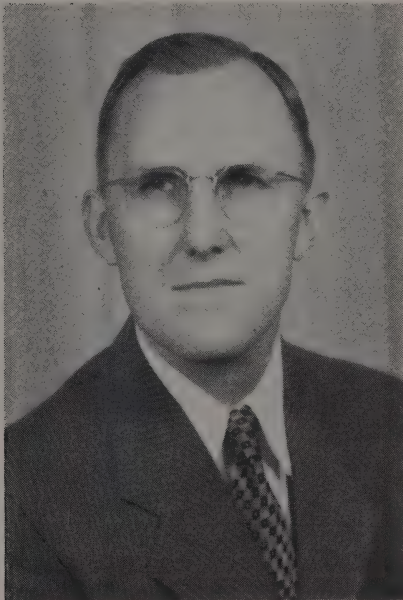
dustry, honesty and respect for law were manifest, influencing all. It was in this atmosphere our brother was born, August 29, 1885. Here in his home during his childhood and youth, he was taught the dignity of work, parental respect and Christian living. He received his elementary education in country, village and parochial schools, graduating from the Tipton High School in 1905. The following fall, he entered the University of Iowa, where he received military training. In March, 1909, he accepted a commission in the Philippine Constabulary. In those islands he spent two years in important but unspectacular service, resigning his commission to return home and enter the Harvard University Law School in 1911. Upon graduation he came to Cedar Rapids, where he has since practiced his profession. In 1916-17 he served on the Mexican border and throughout World War I was in service with the 34th Division at home, and with the 3rd Division over-seas.

While deeply engaged in the practice of his profession, he has always found time for social and public service. He held high rank in the Iowa National Guard; was City Solicitor; and not least, was for years a forward-looking and constructive-minded member of the local Board of Education. He has long been an active member of the First Presbyterian Church.

On September 19, 1918, he was married to Miss Bertha Reichert. They have three children.

On September 2, 1913, he was raised in Cedar Lodge No. 11, Tipton, Iowa, and affiliated with Mount Hermon on December 3, 1914. He took an active interest in the lodge and rendered much service and helpful counsel in both ritualistic work and administration. An austere dignity does not conceal his kindly impulses.

Although now a Past Master, he has not lost interest, attending meetings regularly and advising wisely and well.



DAVID MURRAY ROBERTSON

Worshipful Master

1945

Close observation and personal friendship make it a pleasure to write on this recent and much beloved Master of Mount Hermon. Brother Robertson was born in Cedar Rapids on May 4, 1895. He attended the public schools, but at an early age secured work in a job printing shop. He was keen minded, and industrious and learned rapidly in that business that has been called the best substitute for a course in college. Thoroughly trained, in 1926 he acquired his own business, which

he has since successfully operated.

Responding to his patriotic impulse, he entered the armed forces and served at home and over seas. In harmony with its patriotic idealism he has taken an active interest in the American Legion.

On August 18, 1920, he joined with Miss Albia Kacena in establishing an ideal home and family life. This union has been blessed with two daughters, Anne Helen and Janet Mary.

In Masonry he was raised on June 27, 1921. He applied himself to the work and was so apt a student that he was soon rated "fully qualified." In the several minor official places his industry, intelligence and competence justified his elevation to the final honor of Master. His additional interest in the fraternity is shown in his membership in the collateral bodies. Throughout, his modesty, courtesy and devotion have endeared him to his brethren.

## HOYT THOMAS

## Worshipful Master

1946

Brother Thomas was born in Sigourney, Iowa, on July 12, 1902 to Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Thomas. Later he moved to Marshalltown with his parents and was graduated from high school there.

After finishing high school Hoyt went away to college and after passing the State Examining Board came back to Marshalltown and met Miss Mildred Dickey of Traer, Iowa. They were married in 1926 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The years have brought Brother and Mrs. Thomas two fine children, David, eight years old, and Diana, five years old. A very happy family, Brother Thomas gives much to his children and spends his spare time with them.

He is one of Cedar Rapids' leading chiropractors. He is First Vice-President of Iowa Chiropractors Association and President of the research organization of Basic Chiropractors of Iowa. Always active and aggressive, Brother Thomas is a Past President of the Conopus Club, was a charter member of the Inter-Service Club Council, has served on committee work for Boy Scouts, Community Chest and Salvation Army and also belongs to the Executive Club and the Toastmasters Club.

His hobbies are fishing and amateur movie making. Both are participated in by his whole family. Since 1941 he has made a colored film of all "The Living Past Masters of Mount Hermon Lodge."

He was initiated into the mysteries of Masonry in Mount Hermon Lodge October, 1939, passed in January, 1940, and raised in February, 1940. In 1941 he was placed in the line of Mt. Hermon Officers. He passed the proficiency examination and was awarded a Masonic Instructor's certificate in 1942.

Brother and Mrs. Thomas are members of St. Paul's Methodist Church and are active in the Married Peoples Class there.

He is active, intelligent and aggressive, and Mount Hermon Lodge prospered under his guidance.



## CHAPTER II

### AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS

- ARTHUR A. BEZDEK—Raised October 25, 1927, Fidelitas Lodge No. 364, Fairfax, Iowa. Master of the Lodge for 1934. Affiliated with Mount Hermon June 19, 1940.
- C. A. BURMEISTER— Raised in Fraternity Lodge No. 619, Onslow, Iowa, on June 15, 1923. Master of the Lodge for 1928. Affiliated with Mount Hermon Lodge April 13, 1943.
- G. E. CARLSON— Raised in Sylvan Lodge No. 507, Denison, Iowa, in August, 1923. Master of the Lodge for 1931. Affiliated with Mount Hermon in March, 1935.
- L. K. CORNELL— Raised in Apollo Lodge No. 642, Chicago, Illinois, on July 11, 1901. Master of the Lodge for 1906. Affiliated with Mount Hermon Lodge in January, 1927.
- L. W. DOOLEY— Raised in Windsor Lodge No. 542, Hawkeye, Iowa, April 1, 1908. Master of Mesaba Lodge No. 255, Hibbing, Minnesota, during 1924. Affiliated with Mount Hermon Lodge in 1930.
- J. L. DRISCOLL— Raised in Hope Lodge No. 175, Belle Plaine, Iowa, November 5, 1914. Master of the Lodge for 1918. Affiliated with Mount Hermon February, 1945.
- FLOYD FILMORE— Raised in Carnelian Lodge No. 425, Dows, Iowa, on September 21, 1906. Worshipful Master of the Lodge during 1912-1913. Affiliated with Mount Hermon April 1, 1920.
- W. S. KING— Raised in Celestial Lodge No. 37, Alexandria, South Dakota, on February 27, 1919. Master of the Lodge for 1923. Affiliated with Mount Hermon during 1937.

- E. L. McCONKIE— Raised Ancient Land Mark Lodge No. 200, Olin, Iowa, January 5, 1904. Master Nevada Lodge No. 99 for 1914. Affiliated with Mount Hermon on October 4, 1945.
- DAVID MITCHELL— Raised in Lodge Canmore No. 1175, Dunfermline, Scotland, in 1921. Served as Master of the Lodge for 1928. Affiliated with Mount Hermon April 11, 1930.
- L. F. MITCHELL— Raised in Earnest Lodge No. 399, Emmetsburg, Iowa, April 28, 1921. Master of the Lodge for 1933. Affiliated with Mount Hermon April 19, 1937.
- E. R. MOEN— Raised Larch Lodge No. 552, Larchwood, Iowa, 1921. Master Sincerity Lodge No. 317, Moulton, Iowa, for 1931. Affiliated with Mount Hermon in 1936.
- J. E. MOORIS— Raised in Benevolent Lodge No. 451 in 1909. Master of the Lodge for 1913. Affiliated with Mount Hermon in 1923.
- H. J. OWENS— Raised in Western Star Lodge No. 2, Nebraska City, Nebraska, June 26, 1925. Master of the Lodge for 1932. Affiliated with Mount Hermon in 1939.
- TILSON PETRO— Raised in Alta Lodge No. 362, Urbana, Iowa, on August 23, 1921. Served as Master for the year 1923 in Benton City Lodge No. 81, Shellsburg, Iowa. Affiliated with Mount Hermon on February 8, 1938.
- JAMES RISK— Raised in Rob Morris Lodge No. 500, Walker, Iowa, December 10, 1926. Master of the Lodge for 1936. Affiliated with Mount Hermon March 11, 1942.
- LOUIS VISHA— Raised in Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263 on February 10, 1910. Was Master of Gateway Lodge No. 150, Dallas, South Dakota, for 1922. Reaffiliated with Mount Hermon on January 5, 1928.

## CHAPTER III

### MEN OF MARK

#### GEORGE GREENE, 1817 - 1880

Elsewhere in this record appears a brief reference to this distinguished Mason and citizen. Much more is deserved, a portion of which is here offered.

Into a family of social standing, culture and refinement, George Greene was born in 1817 in Alton, Staffordshire, England. While he was yet an infant his parents removed to the United States. Before he was ten both parents died and he was left on his own resources. With remarkable energy and enterprise he not only supported himself but helped his brothers. He managed to attend several small but excellent schools, affording him a sound basic education, and he even read some law. The lure of the West was strong and he came to Davenport, Iowa, in 1848. While working as a surveyor he continued his study of law and was admitted to practice in 1840. He moved around some, but eventually settled in Marion, a promising frontier town and the County Seat. He served a term in the Territorial Legislature. In 1847 he became a judge of the Iowa Supreme Court, where he gave marked constructive service. In 1849 he with a few others, who owned the site, laid out Cedar Rapids. It became his home and he its most enterprising citizen. He practiced law and engaged in banking. In railroad building he was a pioneer and in several lines, radiating from here, he was prime mover and constructor. He embellished his home town with several buildings, fine for their day.

He was a good church man and for many years was a warden of Grace Episcopal Church. Earnest in culture and education he was a promoter of the institution that grew into Coe College.

He reared a large family all of whom measure up to his standards of morality, patriotism and devotion to social service.

He was an earnest Mason and when he died on June 23, 1880, he was buried with Masonic honors.

## JOHN A. MARQUIS, 1861 - 1931

He was born at Dinamore, Pennsylvania, December 27, 1861. He died July 5, 1931, in Presbyterian Hospital in New York City in his 69th year. Two years before his death he had suffered a stroke of paralysis in Vienna. Surviving him were his widow, Sarah Marquis, his two daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth, and a son, John Neilson, a physician. Burial was at Cross Creek, Pennsylvania.

He graduated from Washington and Jefferson College and from Western Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh. He served as pastor of First-Westminister Church in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, First Presbyterian Church in Redlands, California, and First Presbyterian Church in Beaver, Pennsylvania. Samuel B. McCormick was pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Omaha. In Washington and Jefferson College Samuel McCormick and John Marquis were classmates and great friends, therefore when Dr. McCormick left Coe to become Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Marquis was called to become fourth president of Coe College in 1909.

During the tenure of Dr. Marquis as president of Coe College, Carnegie Science Hall, the T. M. Sinclair Memorial Chapel, and Voorhees Hall were erected and dedicated, free of debt. Departments of music and Home economics were established. Military training was introduced, first by way of the Student Army Training Corps during World War I, and later the Reserve Officers Training Corps. Endowment funds in the sum of one million dollars were raised.

In 1916, at Atlantic City, Dr. Marquis was elected Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. In 1917 he became General Secretary of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. with offices in New York City. He continued to serve as Secretary of the Board and President of Coe until 1920, when he resigned from the presidency of Coe College.

It may be added that during the presidency of Dr. Marquis at Coe 560 men and women received bachelors degrees and senior classes for the first time numbered more than fifty.

Dr. Marquis had a great sense of history and felt a great obligation to the founders of Coe College. It may be set forth that as President of Coe College he made it his particular and principal business to perpetuate the traditions of Coe as a Christian liberal arts college in affiliation with the whole great educational enterprise of the Presbyterian Church. On October 10, 1911, December 5 was officially designated as Founders' Day. The first Founders' Day exercises were therefore held on December 5 of that year. As the founder of Founders' Day, it is possible that



Dr. Marquis made his most enduring contribution to Coe College. He felt that the building of Coe could be accomplished with perfection only by resting its ventures on the original foundations of the institution.

On Founders' Day, December 5, 1934, an excellent portrait of Dr. Marquis, presented to Coe by Mrs. Marquis, was formally received and dedicated. It hangs in the T. M. Sinclair Memorial Chapel.

### WILLIAM R. BOYD

William Robert Boyd was born at Lisbon, Iowa, May 19th, 1864, the son of Jasper and Elizabeth Osmond Boyd.

When he was a young boy the family moved to Tipton, Iowa, where he was graduated from the Tipton High School. He later entered Parsons College and was graduated from the University of Iowa in 1889.

He began as a school teacher in Cedar County and later became editor of the *Tipton Advertiser*. He moved to Cedar Rapids in 1893 and became editor and part owner of the *Cedar Rapids Republican*. His editorials in that newspaper attracted widespread attention and were a power in both local and state affairs.

Soon after coming to Cedar Rapids he became affiliated with the First Presbyterian Church and the Masonic fraternity, and also interested in many financial and other organizations. He was a director of the American Trust and Savings Bank, and for forty-two years he was a director and president of the Perpetual Savings and Loan Association. That institution grew under his leadership and sound judgment from a small institution with assets of \$200,000.00 in 1904 to \$6,500,000.00 today. His conservatism, knowledge of real estate values and ability enabled him to pilot the Association successfully through the serious depression of the Thirties. He served as postmaster of Cedar Rapids for four years in the early years of the century.

Mr. Boyd's outstanding service has been in the field of education as trustee of Coe College of Cedar Rapids, trustee of Cornell College at Mt. Vernon, and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the State Board of Education which he has served for many years. His duties have included the selection of teachers for these institutions. One of his most noteworthy efforts was in securing funds for the building of the hospital at Iowa City, considered one of the finest and best equipped institutions of its kind.

He has several honorary degrees; has contributed articles from time to time to leading American reviews and journals, and has also delivered addresses before colleges and learned societies on politics, social service, and political economy—subjects with which he is familiar and to which

he has devoted many years of study.

As a leading citizen of Cedar Rapids Mr. Boyd is recognized, honored and appreciated for his helpfulness in church affairs as well as in charitable institutions. His sound advice, his conservativeness and his keen judgment have been widely appreciated. In many ways he has helped various students in obtaining an education. Mr. Boyd is considered by the city as its leading citizen.

#### JOSEPH FORT NEWTON, 1878 -

This distinguished brother was born in Decatur, Texas, in 1878. While of long Southern ancestry and loyal to their traditions, he received his education in the North. When still a youth, he became a reporter on the *Louisville Courier Journal*. He attracted the attention of the owner and editor, the famous Henry Watterson, who was ever his friend and patron saint.

He entered the Baptist ministry, but shortly after, he attended school in Boston and allied himself with the Unitarians. He came to Cedar Rapids and took charge of a church of that denomination. He immediately established a reputation for scholarly eloquence. A local daily newspaper published his sermons in the Sunday edition. His church was crowded with eager listeners. He delivered a series of mid-week lectures and their popularity required their publication in book form. They dealt largely with social and economic matters and stressed the brotherhood of man and equality in theory and practice.

He became interested in Masonry and gave much time to the study of its philosophy. A product of his devotion and study is his book, "The Builders," a Masonic classic. He wrote a life of Herndon, once a law partner of Abraham Lincoln, in his book, "Herndon and Lincoln," and it was produced by his close friend, Luther Brewer, the owner of the Torch Press. As an intimate story of the period, it is an authority. A collateral result was that Dr. Newton delivered his lecture on Lincoln in many parts of the country.

He also published a life of David Swing, the well known preacher, a concise history of "Wesley and Woolman," and many other pamphlets and booklets which were widely circulated.

On leaving Cedar Rapids in 1916 he was called to the leading non-sectarian church in London, where he remained until 1919 during the tragic days of the war.

During this time he devoted much of his efforts in creating good will among the various people with whom he came in close contact. Dr.

Newton possessed a peculiar capacity in looking beyond the facts of the present and held out in his many public addresses, and in his writings, that the Anglo-Saxon race must stick together as the only real Democratic race where people of all classes were given the privilege to speak out publicly as well as to think, while protected by law for their utterances.

From 1919 to 1925 Newton was pastor of one of the leading liberal churches in Philadelphia and then resigned and joined the Episcopal church and became rector of one of the largest and most influential churches in that city, a position he held till his retirement on account of failing health.

Few men in Cedar Rapids have exercised such an influence for good as Dr. Newton, not only in the lodges with which he was closely associated, nor in the church with which he was affiliated, but among the young people of every belief or social standing. He was tolerant towards all creeds and possessed besides, an understanding spirit, such as few men possessed.

**PART FOUR: STATISTICAL**

*Rosters, Records and Statistics*

CHRONOLOGY

NECROLOGY

MASTERS OF MOUNT HERMON LODGE

SECRETARIES, TREASURERS, and TYLERS

FIFTY-YEAR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS

MILITARY SERVICE IN FOUR WARS

IN THE GRAND LODGE



## CHAPTER I

### LODGE CHRONOLOGY

"Ask, and it shall be given to you:  
Seek, and ye shall find; knock,  
And it shall be opened unto you."

Matthew 7:7

### ANNUAL RETURNS FOR 1869 - 1870 U.D. \*

Worshipful Master ..... J. C. Adams

Secretary ..... A. V. Eastman

### MEMBERS

J. C. Adams	A. J. Rebur	S. B. Fleck
William B. Leach	J. H. Benjamin	J. G. Graves
H. B. Stibbs	W. C. Brooks	George Greene
M. A. Higley	A. S. Belt	George M. Howlett
A. V. Eastman	N. B. Brown	O. C. L. Jones
C. D. Pettibone	George P. Carpenter	J. H. Stibbs
C. Rowley	T. Z. Cook	W. D. Watrous
W. Stephens	J. P. Coulter	I. N. Whittam
Ed Coulter	C. W. Eaton	John Weare

### ADMISSIONS

George P. Carpenter	Raised
W. C. Brooks	Affiliated
J. H. Benjamin	Affiliated
C. W. Eaton	Affiliated
O. C. L. Jones	Affiliated

Total Membership      27

\* fiscal year ending May 1, 1871

## ANNUAL RETURNS FOR 1870 - 1871 \*

Worshipful Master ..... W. D. Watrous  
 Secretary ..... A. V. Eastman

## INCREASE

Raised:

George W. Bever

W. J. Chrisler

Total

2

Admissions ..... 2

Total

4

## DECREASE

Demissions ..... 2

Total

2

Net Gain

2

Total Membership

29

\* fiscal year ending May 1, 1871

## ANNUAL RETURNS FOR 1871 - 1872 \*

Worshipful Master ..... W. D. Watrous  
 Secretary ..... A. V. Eastman

## INCREASE

Raised:

George J. Whitehead

H. C. Waite

Total

2

Admissions ..... 6

Total

8

## DECREASE

Demissions ..... 1

Suspensions ..... 1

Total

2

Net Gain

6

Total Membership

35

\* fiscal year ending May 1, 1872

## ANNUAL RETURNS FOR 1872 - 1873 \*

Worshipful Master ..... William B. Leach  
 Secretary ..... A. V. Eastman

## INCREASE

Raised:

J. H. Boyer

B. F. Parker

Total 2

Admissions ..... 2

Total 4

## DECREASE

Demiissions ..... 3

Total 3

Net Gain 1

Total Membership 35

\* fiscal year ending May 1, 1873

## ANNUAL RETURNS FOR 1873 - 1874 \*

Worshipful Master ..... C. W. Eaton  
 Secretary ..... A. V. Eastman

## INCREASE

Raised:

E. O. Edson

Samuel B. Shafer

H. A. Wolcott

Total 3

Admissions ..... 13

Total 16

## DECREASE

None None

Net Gain 16

Total Membership 51

\* fiscal year ending May 1, 1874

## ANNUAL RETURNS FOR 1874 - 1875 \*

Worshipful Master ..... George R. Skinner  
 Secretary ..... A. V. Eastman

## INCREASE

Raised:

W. J. Conrad

William Crosby

John P. Landon

William H. Weeks

Total 4

Admissions ..... 8

Total 12

## DECREASE

Demiissions ..... 5

Net Gain 7

Total Membership 58

\* fiscal year ending May 1, 1875

### ANNUAL RETURNS FOR 1875 - 1876 \*

Worshipful Master ..... George R. Skinner  
Secretary ..... A. V. Eastman

## INCREASE

**Raised:**

Syver Backey	R. M. Garrison	Elias M. Hormsby	John J. Judson
		Total	4

Admissions .....	6
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Total 10

**DECREASE**

**Demissions** ..... **2**

Net Gain 8

**Total Membership** 66

\* fiscal year ending May 1, 1876

### ANNUAL RETURNS FOR 1876-1877\*

Worshipful Master ..... W. J. Chrisler  
Secretary ..... A. V. Eastman

## INCREASE

**Raised:**

N. B. Consigny      J. P. Forest      Leonard B. Hill

W. A. Robertson                      Henry Strickland

Total	5
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Admissions ..... None

Total	5
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**DECREASE**

Demissions ..... 3

Net Gain 2

**Total Membership** 68

\* fiscal year ending May 1, 1877

### ANNUAL RETURNS FOR 1877 - 1878 \*

Worshipful Master ..... W. J. Chrisler  
Secretary ..... A. V. Eastman

## INCREASE

Raised ..... None

Admitted ..... None

## DECREASE

Deaths ..... I

Suspensions .....	3
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## Demissions 2

Total	6
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Net Loss	6
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Total Membership	62
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\* fiscal year ending May 1, 1878



## ANNUAL RETURNS FOR 1878 - 1879 \*

Worshipful Master ..... George R. Skinner  
 Secretary ..... A. V. Eastman

## INCREASE

Raised ..... None  
 Admissions ..... 2

## DECREASE

Demissions ..... 4  
 Suspensions ..... 1

Total ..... 5  
 Net Loss ..... 3  
 Total Membership ..... 59

\* fiscal year ending May 1, 1879

## ANNUAL RETURNS FOR 1879 - 1880 \*

Worshipful Master ..... J. G. Graves  
 Secretary ..... A. V. Eastman

## INCREASE

Raised:  
 C. G. Greene                      U. C. Blake                      M. L. Ward  
 E. W. Howell                      John B. Bever                      C. L. Miller

Total ..... 6

Admitted ..... 3

Total ..... 9

## DECREASE

Deaths ..... 2  
 Demissions ..... 5

Total ..... 7  
 Net Gain ..... 2  
 Total Membership ..... 61

\* fiscal year ending May 1, 1880

## ANNUAL RETURNS FOR 1880 - 1881 \*

Worshipful Master ..... J. G. Graves  
 Secretary ..... A. V. Eastman

## INCREASE

Raised:  
 Richard A. Allen                      I. C. Emery                      E. L. Swem  
 W. P. Brandt                      George A. Goodell                      John B. Turner  
 M. O. Camburn                      W. Harmon                      Henry Vaughn

Total ..... 9

Admitted ..... 6

Total ..... 15

## DECREASE

Deaths ..... 2

Demissions .....	3
Total	5
Net Gain	10
Total Membership	71

\* fiscal year ending May 1, 1881

#### ANNUAL RETURNS FOR 1881 - 1882 \*

Worshipful Master .....	J. G. Graves
Secretary .....	A. V. Eastman

#### INCREASE

Raised:		
F. G. O'Brien	Charles Truax	R. Sommerbeck
James Van Norman	Jacob Roupp	S. L. Dows
F. A. Simmons	H. Thompson	W. W. Smith
Total		9

Admissions .....	12
Total	21

#### DECREASE

Suspended .....	2
Net Gain	19
Total Membership	90

\* fiscal year ending May 1, 1882

#### ANNUAL RETURNS FOR 1882 - 1883 \*

Worshipful Master .....	J. G. Graves
Secretary .....	William M. Friesner

#### INCREASE

Raised:		
B. E. Burtis	F. A. Anthony	W. M. Friesner
N. E. Brown	F. W. Speck	Webb Souers
A. H. Connor	G. L. Wies	J. S. Coates
John Noll	J. C. Smith	J. L. Hardwick
D. I. Schneider	W. P. McCreary	H. C. Minnie
B. J. Lucore		
Total		16

Admissions .....	11
Total	27

#### DECREASE

Deaths .....	3
Demissions .....	3
Suspensions .....	4
Total	10
Net Gain	17
Total Membership	107

\* fiscal year ending May 1, 1883

## ANNUAL RETURNS FOR 1883 - 1884 \*

Worshipful Master ..... James Morton  
 Secretary ..... John B. Turner

## INCREASE

## Raised:

A. R. Foote	G. C. Lauterman	F. J. Mynard
E. I. Foster	Simeon Luce	W. A. Preston
C. W. Greene		Robert Williams

Total 8

Admissions ..... 4

Total 12

## DECREASE

Deaths ..... 3

Demissions ..... 5

Total 8

Net Gain 4

Total Membership 111

\* fiscal year ending May 1, 1884

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1884 \*

Worshipful Master ..... George E. Cogswell  
 Secretary ..... John B. Turner

## INCREASE

## Raised:

J. A. Lomax	F. A. Allen	J. S. Stowe
William Turner	F. B. Hegerman	M. H. Cox
W. C. Leach	F. W. Shafer	J. D. Martin
	Edward H. Smith	

Total 10

Admissions ..... 1

Total 11

## DECREASE

Demissions ..... 1

Suspensions ..... 1

Total 2

Net Gain 9

Total Membership 120

\* May 1, 1884 to December 31, 1884

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1885

Worshipful Master ..... George E. Cogswell  
 Secretary ..... Ed H. Smith

*INCREASE*

Raised:

J. E. Bean  
S. P. Cameron  
William G. DowsJ. M. Gates  
William P. HendersonF. M. Stockton  
B. Silloway  
R. B. Tomlinson, Jr.

	Total	8
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Admissions .....		4
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	Total	12
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*DECREASE*

Demissions .....		8
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Suspensions .....		2
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	Total	10
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Duplication on former report .....		2
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	Total	12
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	Net Gain	None
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	Total Membership	120
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## ANNUAL RETURNS 1886

Worshipful Master .....	George E. Cogswell
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Secretary .....	Robert I. Safely
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*INCREASE*

Raised:

R. W. Canady  
Henry Bessler  
Robert I. Safely  
E. W. JamarC. J. Wall  
A. W. Swanitz  
J. J. WendrumH. D. Cone  
F. W. Wolfe  
J. Wilson  
D. B. Cole

	Total	11
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Admissions .....		5
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	Total	16
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*DECREASE*

Deaths .....		1
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Demissions .....		2
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Suspensions .....		9
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	Total	12
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	Net Gain	4
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	Total Membership	124
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## ANNUAL RETURNS 1887

Worshipful Master .....	George E. Cogswell
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Secretary .....	A. W. Swanitz
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*INCREASE*

M. M. Hall

George B. Ludy

F. A. Munson

	Total	3
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Admissions .....	1
Reinstatements .....	1

Total 5

*DECREASE*

Demissions .....	6
Suspensions .....	3

Total 9

Net Loss 4

Total Membership 120

ANNUAL RETURNS 1888

Worshipful Master .....	Edward H. Smith
Secretary .....	Eugene Sanger

*INCREASE*

Raised:

Al S. Keyes	M. W. Hazeltine	D. E. Spangler
F. McArdle	Eugene Sanger	C. F. Russell
D. Short	J. Behring	F. H. Snyder
H. F. Hunting		F. S. Waters

Total 11

Admissions .....	1
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Reinstatements .....	1
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Total 13

*DECREASE*

Demissions .....	11
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Suspensions .....	3
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Total 14

Net Loss 1

Total Membership 119

ANNUAL RETURNS 1889

Worshipful Master .....	J. Edward Bean
Secretary .....	F. O. Pitkin

*INCREASE*

Raised:

R. Smith	C. A. Laurance	L. Hitt
Ed S. Wood	J. W. Hayes	A. H. Armstrong
E. A. Stevenson	H. G. Higley	F. O. Pitkin
	C. B. Lebkicher	

Total 10

Admissions .....	3
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Reinstatements .....	2
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Total 15

*DECREASE*

Demissions .....	5
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Suspensions .....	1
Total	6
Net Gain	9
Total Membership	128

ANNUAL RETURNS 1890

Worshipful Master .....	William G. Dows
Secretary .....	J. B. Bever

INCREASE

Raised:		
	Duncan McDougal	W. E. Smith
		Total
		2

DECREASE

Deaths .....	2
Demissions .....	7
Suspensions (U M C) .....	1
Suspensions .....	3
Total	13
Net Loss	9
Total Membership	119

ANNUAL RETURNS 1891

Worshipful Master .....	Charles H. Cogswell
Secretary .....	John B. Bever

INCREASE

Raised:		
Charles H. Fugle	L. W. Anderson	Ernest A. Lco
T. W. Carnahan	E. E. Clark	Charles D. Ives
S. L. Dows, Jr.	George A. Linter	Alex Lyons
E. B. Lovejoy	H. P. Knoblock	George W. Eakle
William Linter	D. O. M. LeCron	J. M. Dinwiddie
E. O. Mansfield	G. L. Johnson	H. E. Leonard
J. W. Dickinson	M. S. Jackson	Ed. L. Camp
	Total	21

Admitted .....	3
Total	24

DECREASE

Deaths .....	2
Demissions .....	6
Suspensions .....	10
Total	18
Net Gain	6
Total Membership	125

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1892

Worshipful Master ..... Moses W. Hazeltine  
 Secretary ..... T. Will Runkle

## INCREASE

## Raised:

J. McElheren	T. E. Green	S. S. Brotherton
T. Will Runkle	A. Hager	W. L. Manchester
J. S. Clemmons	W. Ruml	J. H. Merritt
C. O. Olson	George Henderson	John A. Wean
C. D. Huston		C. E. Anderson

Total ..... 14

Admitted ..... 6

Reinstatements ..... 3

Total ..... 23

## DECREASE

Demissions ..... 7

Net Gain ..... 16

Total Membership ..... 141

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1893

Worshipful Master ..... Alvin S. Keyes and F. W. Shafer  
 Secretary ..... T. Will Runkle

## INCREASE

## Raised:

A. H. Preston	A. E. Hochlander	George Nyere
C. M. Schwartz	John Maher	H. G. Whitney
U. D. Runkle	M. A. Sailor	T. H. McDunn

Total ..... 9

Admitted ..... 2

Total ..... 11

## DECREASE

Deaths ..... 2

Demissions ..... 2

Suspensions ..... 3

Total ..... 7

Net Gain ..... 4

Total Membership ..... 143

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1894

Worshipful Master ..... Charles H. Cogswell  
 Secretary ..... T. Will Runkle

## INCREASE

## Raised:

G. O. Eberhart	H. J. Sugru	A. H. Johnson
W. C. Gerberich	M. V. Bolton	H. D. Mohr
	W. S. King	

Total ..... 7

Admissions .....	4
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Total	11
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*DECREASE*

Expulsions .....	1
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Suspended .....	1
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Dropped .....	1
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Total	3
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Net Gain	8
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Total Membership	151
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## ANNUAL RETURNS 1895

Worshipful Master .....	Charles H. Cogswell
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Secretary .....	T. Will Runkle
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*INCREASE*

Raised:

A. D. Mitchell

F. E. Miller

L. Bendit

A. N. Watson

R. E. Burke

O. D. Wynn

C. L. Besler

Total	7
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Admitted .....	3
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Reinstated .....	1
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Total	11
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*DECREASE*

Deaths .....	2
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Demissions .....	2
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Total	4
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Net Gain	7
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Total Membership	158
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## ANNUAL RETURNS 1896

Worshipful Master .....	Charles H. Cogswell
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Secretary .....	T. Will Runkle
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*INCREASE*

Raised:

E. O. Arnold

J. J. Clements

W. B. Carr

E. F. Cox

C. H. Campbell

John Taylor

O. G. Bowman

Total	7
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Admitted .....	1
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Total	8
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*DECREASE*

Deaths .....	1
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Demissions .....	3
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Suspensions .....	15
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Withdrawn .....	3
Total	22
Net Loss	14
Total Membership	144

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1897

Worshipful Master .....	Charles D. Houston
Secretary .....	T. Will Runkle

## INCREASE

Raised:		
W. P. Johnson	L. Schramek	A. D. Rossiter
	Total	3
Admitted .....		2
Reinstated .....		1
	Total	6

## DECREASE

Deaths .....	2
Demissions .....	1
Suspensions .....	3
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Total	6
Net Gain	None
Total Membership	144

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1898

Worshipful Master .....	Charles D. Houston
Secretary .....	T. Will Runkle

## INCREASE

Raised:		
W. H. Courtney	W. L. DeClow	John Nyere
James W. Good	A. I. Bailey	Herbert R. Shafer
Thomas Bithray		H. B. Lames
	Total	8
Admitted .....		6
Reinstated .....		2
	Total	16

## DECREASE

Demissions .....	6	
Suspended .....	3	
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	Total	9
	Net Gain	7
	Total Membership	150

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1899

Worshipful Master ..... Charles D. Huston  
 Secretary ..... T. Will Runkle

## INCREASE

## Raised:

G. L. Hubbell	W. J. Maxwell	A. Jeffery	
J. B. Terry	T. D. Metcalf	A. M. Brackett	
J. B. Duxbury	J. A. Plumb	B. Hunter	
	Total		9

Admitted ..... 3

Reinstated ..... 2

Total ..... 14

## DECREASE

Deaths ..... 3

Demissions ..... 3

Suspensions ..... 2

Total ..... 8

Net Gain ..... 6

Total Membership ..... 156

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1900

Worshipful Master ..... Charles D. Huston  
 Secretary ..... J. B. Bever

## INCREASE

## Raised:

E. J. Fluckiger	Louis Nyere	John Anderson	
R. N. Buck	J. H. Munholland	John N. Hughes	
J. M. Grimm	S. R. Hatchitt	John W. Cowan	
	C. J. H. Grant		
	Total		10

Record correction ..... 1

Admitted ..... 4

Reinstated ..... 1

Total ..... 16

## DECREASE

Deaths ..... 2

Demissions ..... 3

Suspensions ..... 11

Total ..... 16

Net Gain ..... None

Total Membership ..... 156

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1901

Worshipful Master ..... Charles L. Besler  
 Secretary ..... T. Will Runkle

*INCREASE*

## Raised:

G. W. Schlafer	M. Y. Bealer	J. O. Krumbholz
Augustus Nyere	C. H. Rauck	P. A. Wolff, Jr.
W. B. Smith	James Hruska	S. J. Jonas
S. T. Jones	S. L. Hunt	Charles A. Dieman
W. W. Shearer		John H. Taft

Total ..... 14

Admitted ..... 4

Reinstated ..... 4

Total ..... 22

*DECREASE*

Deaths ..... 4

Demissions ..... 9

Total ..... 13

Net Gain ..... 9

Total Membership ..... 165

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1902

Worshipful Master ..... Charles L. Besler  
 Secretary ..... T. Will Runkle

*INCREASE*

## Raised:

C. B. Webster	G. Hicklinger	M. M. Thompson
G. B. Peck	T. B. Powell	C. S. Ogilvie
W. S. Collier	G. R. Andrew	L. J. Baerthel
	N. Rezac	

Total ..... 10

Admitted ..... 1

Reinstated ..... 2

Total ..... 13

*DECREASE*

Deaths ..... 4

Net Gain ..... 9

Total Membership ..... 174

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1903

Worshipful Master ..... James J. Clements  
 Secretary ..... T. Will Runkle

INCREASE

Raised:

John C. Bales	B. B. Russell	F. C. Hathorn
J. Lynn Crawford	Walter M. Smith	James H. York
Frank W. Kopp	Charles J. Fletcher, Jr.	Fred B. Neff
D. B. Clifford	E. R. Moore	A. H. Metcalf
A. W. Eberhart	J. L. Bever, Jr.	E. G. Newton
N. E. Smith	A. H. Roth	A. J. Alexander
D. J. Heisey	J. A. Runkle	Charles A. Moore
	Total	21

Admissions .....	4
Reinstatements .....	1
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Total	26

DECREASE

Deaths .....	3
Demissions .....	2
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Total	5
Net Gain	21
Total Membership	195

ANNUAL RETURNS 1904

Worshipful Master .....	Mark S. Jackson
Secretary .....	T. Will Runkle

INCREASE

Raised:

Will Spoorman	P. W. Tourtellotte	F. A. Niles
H. H. Keyes	W. E. Holmes	R. M. Putnam
L. W. Richards	L. H. Burns	F. C. Clark
A. E. Ray	F. D. Tomson	P. V. S. Martin
E. A. Sherman	T. W. Beyer	B. L. Sheldon
C. H. Cogswell, Jr.	F. Mackenzie	F. H. Tisdale
R. Pohl		W. P. Powell
	Total	20

Admitted .....	4
Reinstated .....	1
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Total	25

DECREASE

Deaths .....	4
Demissions .....	6
Suspensions .....	3
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Total	13
Net Gain	12
Total Membership	207



## ANNUAL RETURNS 1905

Worshipful Master ..... Eugene O. Edson  
 Secretary ..... James J. Clements

## INCREASE

## Raised:

George C. Skinner	H. W. Miller	J. E. Soukup
M. H. Rizer	W. M. Ostrander	F. G. A. Becker
George G. Grupe	William G. Peterson	Sheldon R. Parsons
	L. E. Hinman	

Total 10

Admitted ..... 2

Reinstated ..... 1

Total 13

## DECREASE

Deaths ..... 4

Demissions ..... 8

Suspensions ..... 2

Total 14

Net Loss 1

Total Membership 206

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1906

Worshipful Master ..... Thomas B. Powell  
 Secretary ..... James J. Clements

## INCREASE

## Raised:

J. A. Pirnie	F. J. Kuppinger	Hugh Leathem
George W. Blair	W. H. Ockerman	C. M. Barnes
A. L. Dawson	W. M. Lambing	S. K. Weir
C. L. York	C. E. Tuttle	A. F. Weiss
B. D. Mason		D. L. Mitchell

Total 14

Admitted ..... 5

Reinstated ..... 3

Total 22

## DECREASE

Suspended ..... 1

Deaths ..... 2

Demissions ..... 4

Total 7

Net Gain 15

Total Membership 221

# ANNUAL RETURNS 1907

Worshipful Master ..... Ernest R. Moore  
 Secretary ..... James J. Clements

## INCREASE

### Raised:

Frank C. Lake	Charles F. Clark	John Y. Kennedy
Hugh W. McLeod	Harry H. Coulson	Edward C. Clark
Martin P. Beck	Frederick W. Mahlke	George A. Evans
Frank W. McAllister	Harry E. Pratt	Frank K. Hahn
Roy A. Carnegie	Harry E. Myers	Archie A. Bennett
Dominick Feiereisen	E. M. Reynolds	Fred W. Rugh
William B. Wallace		George B. Gaylord

Total 20

Admitted ..... 3

Reinstated ..... 2

Total 25

## DECREASE

Deaths ..... 1

Demissions ..... 3

Suspended ..... 2

Total 6

Net Gain 19

Total Membership 240

# ANNUAL RETURNS 1908

Worshipful Master ..... Ralph M. Putman  
 Secretary ..... James J. Clements

## INCREASE

### Raised:

James C. Loomis	Milton G. Bryan	Stanley J. Vesely
R. J. Brodie	Harry V. Morgan	Louis F. Dvorak
Frank J. Kouba, Sr.	W. N. Reedy	Joseph E. Coenen
Frank J. Kouba, Jr.	George T. Gadd	Henry J. Hermann
P. H. Boysen	P. P. Smith	Harry A. Palmer
Joseph H. Barnes	Byron R. Abbey	Hans J. Smith
Kent C. Ferman	Charles S. Yeager	J. M. Blaine
John Fletcher	Harry T. Hedges	James F. Cowden
Abner F. Jones		John Martin

Total 26

Admitted ..... 4

Total 30

## DECREASE

Deaths ..... 3

Demissions ..... 5

Suspensions .....	1
Total	9
Net Gain	21
Total Membership	261

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1909

Worshipful Master .....	T. Will Runkle
Secretary .....	James J. Clements

## INCREASE

Raised:		
Frank R. Wingert	Stanley C. Moore	Frederick J. Lazell
Nelson B. Weeks	Anthony Tlusty	Frank S. Hough
John W. Meader	Edward Vrba	Charles R. Williams
Arthur J. Bishop	Fred G. Brown	George J. Daimond
Lucian T. Wilcox	George W. Swab	Samuel J. Koch
Milton L. Kephart	Thomas W. Kelly	Rudolph J. Hruska
Elmer H. Beaven	Otto Sikora	Thomas L. Eggleston
	Total	21
Admitted .....		3
Reinstated .....		4
	Total	28

## DECREASE

Deaths .....	4	
Demissions .....	4	
Suspensions .....	2	
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	Total	10
	Net Gain	18
	Total Membership	279

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1910

Worshipful Master .....	Joseph E. Soukup
Secretary .....	James J. Clements

## INCREASE

Raised:		
Cyrus M. Dukes	Albert R. Menary	Claire W. Bloomhall
Fred J. Hodson	Ben F. Tanner	George F. Allison
Clayton C. Drake	Samuel R. Ferguson, Jr.	Frank E. Pirkel
Irving C. Emery, Jr.	Lumir Severa	Harry M. Laurance
Ralph W. Emerson	Alexander F. Peddie	Samuel R. Palmer
Robert F. Lubbock	Leslie M. Barton	Louis Visha
Charles Tichy	John N. Ramsey	William J. Elliott
Donald B. Palmer	Arthur E. Chase	Christian F. Sigmund
Harry Abrams	Frank J. Petranek	Frank A. Mitchell
E. J. Lockwood	George G. Butts	William J. Smythe
Lamont S. Wagner	Morton M. Ogden	Louis Hintz

Howard W. Clements	Rex P. Harbert	Harris H. Bennett
D. E. Tiffany	Charles E. Hurka	Fred W. Benfield
Jesse M. Tallman		Oswald W. Sugden
	Total	41
Admitted .....		9
Reinstated .....		1
	Total	51
<i>DECREASE</i>		
Deaths .....		1
Demissions .....		3
	Total	4
	Net Gain	47
	Total Membership	326

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1911

Worshipful Master .....	Benjamin L. Sheldon
Secretary .....	James J. Clements

*INCREASE*

Raised:		
Charles W. Maggart	Charles C. Harmer	Isaac D. Harris
Edward P. Childs	Lloyd J. Derflinger	John F. Anderson
Ralph W. Ellis	Harold G. Moore	John Whalen
George P. Haldy	Edwin B. Stolba	George H. Heider
James C. Johnson	Bart F. Kerner	Owen A. Kinsel
William J. Brown	Martin J. Hedin	Frank F. Bates
John Vavra, Jr.	Irwin D. Garrison	Fred P. Harper
Charles H. Stuart	Luther A. Fuhrmeister	Theodore F. Graham
Emmet J. Carter	Frank W. Pollock	Edward Rylands
Harry E. Pfeiffer	William E. Peterson	Charles O. Jenista
Alexander Sampson	Keith Vawter	Charles Chesters
	George L. Benesh	
	Total	34
Admitted .....		13
	Total	47

*DECREASE*

Deaths .....		4
Demissions .....		6
Suspended .....		4
	Total	14
	Net Gain	33
	Total Membership	359

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1912

Worshipful Master .....	William A. Leefers
Secretary .....	James J. Clements



*INCREASE*

## Raised:

James H. Calder	Joroslav H. Vosmek	Albert A. Bickal
Reginald Maresh	Wirt N. Ellis	John E. Francis, Jr.
George E. King	Scott A. Anderson	Wayne B. Joss
Albin H. Gardner	Henry M. Howard	John M. Drabelle
Ernest E. Pickering	John Hoffman	John Klapach
Horace G. Hedges	Charles A. Fraser	Frank S. Popelka
Leo M. Bates	George I. Medhurst	Vernon L. Stauffacher

Total 21

Admitted ..... 5

Total 26

*DECREASE*

Deaths .....	4
Demissions .....	4
Suspended .....	1
Withdrawn .....	1

Total 10

Net Gain 16

Total Membership 375

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1913

Worshipful Master .....	D. L. Mitchell
Secretary .....	James J. Clements

*INCREASE*

## Raised:

Ray J. Valentine	Guy a Sweeney	Frank Vavra
James W. Bruner	Burton G. Carns	Raymond B. Larter
Fred B. Cruikshank	LeRoy Maltby	William H. Foster
William D. Carrington	Louis W. Herdlicka	Arthur J. Bradley
Frank E. Horak	William H. Duval	Samuel M. Duncan
Lowell A. Burrows	George E. Johnson	George B. Ainslie
Samuel E. Drew	Homer D. Madison	Everett Chandler
Lee H. Goebel	George H. Boyson	Samuel Lockhart
John Hubert Scott	Hans S. Boyson	Reginald J. Tompkins
Burt H. Bailey	Aavef F. Boyson	William J. Vesely
Robert M. Menary	Norman A. Glauner	Gus E. Heiman
Leslie C. Lemon	William Vavra	John Plate
Eivind O. Boe		John J. Mead

Total 38

Admitted ..... 8

Reinstated ..... 3

Total 49

*DECREASE*

Deaths .....	4
Demissions .....	7
Suspended .....	4

Withdrawn .....	2
Total .....	17
Net Gain .....	32
Total Membership .....	407

ANNUAL RETURNS 1914

Worshipful Master .....	Archie A. Bennett
Secretary .....	James J. Clements

INCREASE

Raised:		
William M. Kacena	Bliss E. Graham	Ralph A. Hromek
Edward F. Winter	Joseph H. Cockfield	William R. McEwan
Leo V. Novak	John B. Madden	Cecil F. Gross
Warren L. Franks	Ernest A. Bohlman	Forest H. Harwood
Ocie G. Murphy	Joseph R. Lee	Arthur W. Erskine
Charles J. Madison	Buse T. Jackson	Arthur B. Rudin
Peter Bailey	Albert J. Smetana	Archibald C. Stewart
Walter J. Barngrover	Ralph E. McDougall	Samuel Gibson
Ernest E. Lippert	Marvin R. Selden	Clarence E. Morgan
Charles H. Lathrop	Karl H. Rehnberg	Arthur W. Heynen
Oren J. DeVault	Clifford A. Bort	William G. Weeks
Sutherland C. Dows	Robert S. Cook	Leon G. Lesenger
Harry L. Wade	James H. Clark	Thomas P. McFarland
William A. Boren	Eugene M. Pinney	Ralph W. Frantz
William M. Kincel	Henry W. McClintock	Emil G. King
Albert G. Schultz	George W. Barham	Arthur L. Carlgren
John McNabney	Randall Sweeney	Charles H. Martin
	Joseph R. Buresh	

	Total .....	52
Admitted .....		19
Reinstated .....		2

Total .....	73
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DECREASE

Deaths .....	2
Demissions .....	8
Suspended .....	4
Withdrawn .....	1
Total .....	15
Net Gain .....	58
Total Membership .....	465

ANNUAL RETURNS 1915

Worshipful Master .....	Harry A. Palmer
Secretary .....	James J. Clements

INCREASE

Raised:		
Arthur E. Butterfield	Harry J. Manchester	Harlan R. Amen

John A. Watt	Henry F. Bielharz	Pierre Hough
Herbert H. Hoadley	Frank L. Shramek	Howard W. Diehl
Wiley C. Minieare	James L. Hardwick, Jr.	Albert C. Zalesky
George R. Shear	Verney H. Heumes	Milo J. Vanous
Wallace R. Fleming	Walter W. Hubbard	Louis W. Brokaw
Errett E. Shaw	Henry M. Files	Guy F. Haskell
Howard M. Funk	Niels F. Faaborg	James E. Patterson
Martin F. Creager	Byron N. Shean	Henry J. Hromek
Edgar T. Lowe	Charles E. Roberts	Edward F. Novotny
George O. Wilson	Stanley R. Meek	James S. Davidson

Total 33

Admitted ..... 13

Reinstated ..... 1

Total 47

#### DECREASE

Deaths ..... 4

Demissions ..... 11

Suspensions ..... 2

Total 17

Net Gain 30

Total Membership 495

#### ANNUAL RETURNS 1916

Worshipful Master ..... Stanley C. Moore  
Secretary ..... James J. Clements

#### INCREASE

##### Raised:

George B. Easker	George W. Koehler	Samuel W. Saylor
Leonard L. Andres	Lorenzo Hughes	Charles F. Huber
Harry L. Hirtzler	Guy F. Shields	Q. Martin Smith
James P. Winn	Sidney Noble	Oldrich Krejsa
Herbert B. Hunting	Robert B. A. McBride	Ernest E. Johnson
Ralph D. Hunting	Marcellus D. Porter	Fred M. Bettis
George S. Holmes	John H. Abbott	George Otis
James Troup	Robert F. Ferguson	John T. Butts
Lewis L. Stoehr	Floyd H. Knapp	Fred G. Hasinbiller
Otto R. Lambertsen	Willis Howard Hall	John A. Randall
Harry F. Fisher	Joseph Tlusty	William H. Yates
Glenn G. Hovey	Burton B. Butler	Roland C. Wilson
Burdette S. Wright	Ellsworth R. Hollenbeck	Otto Frank Hanzlik
Cyril J. Hrbek	Francis A. Greene	Enos W. Richardson
Nathan Estes	Clarence A. Cramer	William Estle Anderson
	Charles A. Burroughs	

Total 46

Admitted ..... 29

Total 75

DECREASE

Deaths .....	4
Demissions .....	6
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Total	10
Net Gain	65
Total Membership	560

ANNUAL RETURNS 1917

Worshipful Master .....	Edward P. Childs
Secretary .....	James J. Clements

INCREASE

Raised:		
James G. Ware	Edward Soukup	George B. Pirnie
Harry G. Heiserman	Alvin E. Griggs	George L. Fisher
S. Turner Foster	Milo Vanek	Robert E. Buchanan
Charles F. Kouba	Oscar F. Paulson	E. Arnold Sunstrum
Jacob F. Pitz	Abraham Kopel	Claude L. Goldin
Frederick J. Poyneer	Charles W. Houston	Harold G. Lyman
Warren J. Avery	Walter Jones	Harry Risser Patty
Thomas H. Blacklin	Daniel J. Ford	William L. Stipp
Carl D. Thomas	Fred M. Bettis	Wallace L. Williamson
Theodore J. Ptak	Wencel Havlik	Loren P. Meyer
Thomas O. Dunlop	Joseph Sadowsky, Jr.	Ralph H. Clements
Clarence T. Simmons	Alonzo A. Daggett	Ralph A. Fuller
John V. Dick	Clifford R. Rasley	Alfred L. Drew

	Total	39
Admitted .....		14
Reinstated .....		1
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Total 54

DECREASE

Deaths .....	2
Demissions .....	5
Suspended .....	1
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Total 8  
Net Gain 46  
Total Membership 606

ANNUAL RETURNS 1918

Worshipful Master .....	Hugh W. McLeod
Secretary .....	James J. Clements

INCREASE

Raised:		
Joseph Earl Morris	Earle Claire Dickinson	Charles W. Schaefer
Philip A. Hoyt	Milo Henry Doerfler	Henry C. Spitznagle
Jack William Ellis	Milo Bennett Loomis	Donald R. Lynch
Charles R. Youtzy	Robert R. Kouba	Lloyd A. Hochlander
Robert William Black	William Rinderknecht, Jr.	Lewis L. Stookey



Gus J. Siebke	Edson I. Nelson	Willis G. Haskell, Jr.
Burdette C. Bunker	Harold N. Stoechr	Earle J. Killeen
Joseph A. Larimer	Edwin J. Larimer	Charles Herbeck
Alexander Fidler	Charles Plattenberg	Henry E. Josselyn
Louis C. Jurgensen	Ray Norman	William C. Meyer
William F. Protzman	Emil M. Horak	Mervin A. Colip
George W. Cameron	Leslie O. Tisdale	Joseph P. Langford
Raymond B. Nelson	Robert L. Muench	David M. McKnight
Louis R. Kriz	Willard C. Stuff	Howard L. Coombs
Lucian W. Clark	Ira C. Stanley	John E. Cook
Frank E. Machen	Samuel Patterson	John W. Nolan
Arthur M. Tschirgi	Howard Staves	Jaro G. Kos
Burt R. Stuff	Amos A. Elderkin	Otis Grooms
E. H. C. Winslow	Elwood E. Hahn	Luther C. Armstrong
Marlin K. Drake	Ralph Leo	Cort B. Cunningham

Total 60

Admitted ..... 12

Reinstated ..... 3

Total 75

#### DECREASE

Deaths ..... 7

Demissions ..... 11

Suspended ..... 2

Total 20

Net Gain 55

Total Membership 661

#### ANNUAL RETURNS 1919

Worshipful Master ..... Jaroslav H. Vosmek

Secretary ..... James J. Clements

#### INCREASE

##### Raised:

Alfred C. Reinking	Benjamin H. Thompson	Alfred O. Guy
Frank J. Cottrell	Ralph R. Muma	Cyrus W. Perkins
William E. Mickel	Leo C. Miller	Kenneth R. Ferguson
Walter S. Newell	John B. Finney	Fred W. Dick
Marvin J. Sporman	DeWitt C. Wilcox	Milo Chehak
Earl H. Clark	Philip Y. Pendleton	Leo R. Smith
Bruce W. Elliott	Bart McGowan	Gustav Kullander
Sterling E. Preston	Orrie O. Bowers	Edward T. Sickle
Leo O. Neilson	Max Mildenstein	Willis H. Himmelberger
Oliver Lee Eckert	Donald J. Anderson	Walter Ray Kahler
Harry F. Lambertson	James R. Bremstin	Page H. Clute
Charles R. Gibson	Charles Zvacek	Thomas K. Hefner
Charles Havlik	Francis K. Ward	Henry L. Van Cleave
J. Carpenter Shields	Albert C. Westrom	John R. Murrell
David L. Miller	Jesse E. Dulin	Millard F. Cox
Edward W. Winter	Walter T. Hambright	Adolf Mitvalsky

Ray Vrba	Charles A. Clark	B. L. Dodge	
Clarence R. Kisinger	John W. Baldridge	Clarence R. Dobson	
Wallace P. Scheck	Leonard J. Lamp	George A. Jones, Sr.	
Joseph J. Kolarik		Amzi R. Swem	
		Total	59
Admitted			10
Reinstated			4
		Total	73
DECREASE			
Deaths			7
Demissions			16
Suspensions			4
		Total	27
		Net Gain	46
		Total Membership	707

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1920

Worshipful Master	Arthur E. Chase
Secretary	James J. Clements

*INCREASE*

## Raised:

Robert P. Mohrbacher	Clell E. Rowe	Verm E. Noble
Thomas F. Crocker	Edwin C. Tlusty	Frank Klinetob
Beryl C. Newman	Louis W. Butterfield	Fred G. Murray
Milo C. Skala	Edward O. Severson	Henry Clay Dean
Charles P. Dake	Robert H. Miller	Francis E. Ormsby
Earle L. Brewer	Oscar L. Heins	Charles H. Otto
Nathan Baldwin	Charles A. Kohlmeier	John S. Reid
Arnold A. Garthoff	Theodore D. White	John H. Brookman
St. Clair B. Moore	Edwin E. Hruska	Albert Sova
Victor A. Cloud	Guy S. Hahn	Milo C. Nelson
Ray E. White	Walter G. Habenicht	William M. Tiep
Frank H. Walter	George F. Martinek	Archie F. Peterson
Clinton O. Bates	Fred E. Collard	Leland M. Hausler
Frank Kriz	Harry A. Gillis	A. J. Seifert
George Kriz	Frederick B. Schmidt	James B. Harmon
Thomas Houghom	Myron E. Lusk	Charles Shefronick
Charles H. Birch	William L. Capron	Neil C. Adamson
David L. Williams	Millard L. Hahn	Lucies E. MacLaughlin
Fenn C. Horton	Milan R. Woodruff	J. Willard Shrader
Bryan R. Van Cleave	Fred Gard	William A. Mohrbacher
Theodore P. Beekman	William L. Phipps	Keith J. Stookey
Fred G. Kellogg	Walter J. Hutchins	G. L. Krabbenhoft
James Taylor	Clarence S. Bowman	D. DeWitt France
John T. Liddle	Ralph C. Karlan	John K. Hooper
Harry G. Jeffrey	Roy A. Karlan	Lewis N. Mansfield
William F. Hillock	Clarence Sheptrine	Earl L. Bland
Archie C. Blaine	Karl McDonald	Herbert M. Thompson

George E. Bishop	Harold B. Peck	V. Roy Harger
Alvin W. Doubrasky	Dean S. Hilborn	Glenn S. Keiffer
Charles F. Vane	Charles E. Walters, Jr.	Abe Goldberg
Harry L. Emerson	Charles C. Kinchner	J. Leo Kadgihn
Edward A. Kopp	Gerald R. McKeeby	John R. Battin
Louis H. Straka	George T. McNair	Samuel C. Keyes
Fred J. Martinek	Charles H. Estes	Leo T. LeFebure
Donald McKinley		Conrad R. Paulson
	Total	104
Admitted .....		14
Reinstated .....		1
	Total	119
<i>DECREASE</i>		
Deathe .....		9
Demissions .....		11
	Total	20
	Net Gain	99
	Total Membership	806

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1921

Worshipful Master .....	George F. Wingert
Secretary .....	Harry A. Palmer

*INCREASE*

## Raised:

Elmer E. Harrington	W. A. Wagner	D. M. Robertson
Edwin A. Hasek	Earl C. Fanthem	Floyd D. Jackson
Jess A. Kitterman	George H. Rich	Otis G. Chadima
Harry F. Martin	Grant Wood	Milo J. Kopecky
Richard F. Bruch	S. H. Shepard	Maynard F. Arnott
John A. Miller	W. W. Conaway	Albert B. Stolba
Robert J. Russell	Henry S. Ely	Floyd M. Wandel
John S. Chandler	M. J. Griffin	Emil Novotny
Ralph A. Snyder	W. A. Melba	Frank L. Hause
Edward G. Rudin	G. L. Lathrope	Harry C. Watson
Charles A. Hruska	C. M. Booth	H. C. Bliss
Lester A. Wagner	W. F. Hruska	A. E. Smithberg
Walter A. Conant	J. H. Young	L. W. Mahaffy
James T. Gwynne	J. E. Jackson	Ira P. McGladrey
Arthur Kopecky	Milver Sopousek	John M. Harcourt
Leonard O. Hale	Claude M. Colip	Stanley E. Taft
G. W. Dumser	David H. Rosenbaum	Fred Lazio
Clyde E. Leinbaugh	William V. Burger	Fred M. Hargrave
Stephen A. Bates	Lance E. Hull	L. B. Vermillion
	Total	57
Admitted .....		27

Total 84

*DECREASE*

Deaths .....	6
Demissions .....	25
Withdrawn .....	1
Suspended .....	2
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Total .....	34
Net Gain .....	50
Total Membership .....	856

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1922

Worshipful Master .....	D. E. Tiffany
Secretary .....	Harry A. Palmer

## INCREASE

## Raised:

James E. Blake	Cletus E. Street	Millard H. Douglas
Frank H. French	Harry W. Ramsdell	Dana R. Holden
John M. McDougall	Verne T. Bennett	J. Leonard Kline
Guy E. Hillier	George R. Liddle	Harry H. Strother
George P. Spicer	Daniel M. Stewart	Herman H. Freeman
Melvin G. Fenton	Charles H. Morton	Robert F. Sweet
Henry H. Catron	Leslie C. Morgan	James A. Cron
Robert G. Davis	Karl S. Hoffman	Abe L. Smulekoff
Harold C. Strayer	Elvin I. Smith	Lawrence L. Howe
Leonard V. Koch	David L. Wiley	James Kennedy
	Robert J. Holmes	

	Total .....	31
Admitted .....		10
Reinstated .....		3

Total .....

44

## DECREASE

Deaths .....	4
Demissions .....	13
Suspended .....	1

Total .....	18
Net Gain .....	26
Total Membership .....	882

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1923

Worshipful Master .....	Harry J. Manchester
Secretary .....	Harry A. Palmer

## INCREASE

## Raised:

Bert O. Baker	John B. Archibald	Wesley C. Pitlik
Edwin R. Kos	Frank C. Miller	Carl A. Frederickson
John V. Kolarik	Ronald Owen	Edward M. Williams
Harold H. Phillips	Shannon Botts	Charles P. Jones
Leo Smulekoff	Donald S. Merriam	Victor H. Holec
Verle E. Porter	Herbert S. Stamats	Chas. O. Brandenburg



Ernest H. Gundling	Howard O. Ainsworth	Merton W. Butterfield
James Dunlop, Jr.	Jairus H. Watson, Jr.	Robert F. Douglass
Walter A. Leonard	Louis Estes	Charles E. Voorhees
Raymond D. Burmeister	Joseph R. Estes	Joseph Holec, Jr.
Henry F. Gensicke	Kenneth J. Weir	Merlin L. Ridgeway
Charles C. Ray	Milo G. Vorishek	Robert K. Allen
Edwin Heatherington	Floyd H. Gifford	Charles H. Stone
Walter C. Potts	Harry E. Hallenbeck	Edward E. Lowe
Harrison C. Fulmer	William C. Henning	Frederick E. Lawson
Robert McNabney	Alfred P. Alexander	Donald L. Wood

	Total	48
Admitted .....		16
Reinstated .....		1

Total 65

#### DECREASE

Deaths .....	5
Demissions .....	9
Suspended .....	4

Total 18

Net Gain 47

Total Membership 929

#### ANNUAL RETURNS 1924

Worshipful Master .....	James E. Patterson
Secretary .....	Harry A. Palmer

#### INCREASE

Raised:

Harry W. Martin	Arthur J. Barth	George R. Hunt
E. Harold Skinner	Howard R. Hays	Clyde E. Stryker
George F. Stoddard	George W. Eakle, Jr.	Walter R. Stephenson
Henry J. Nemec	Anthony T. Pleune	Ira H. Winchell
George S. Malone	Frank A. Miller	Charles A. Winter
Karl H. Kaemmerle	Herbert M. Hord	Loren C. Henderson
Herman J. Robertson	Emil J. Mikulas	Alvin T. Jones
Kenneth C. Harmer	John H. Schmedika	Claire K. Homan
Herman W. Bowen	James M. Thompson	Rex H. Emery
Arthur W. Crawford	Frank G. McConkey	Irving W. Yarcho
Atherton B. Clark	Max Daehler	Wayland W. Wall
Albert H. Harmer	Leon Stusak	Conrad L. Stookey
Walter A. Pose	Jerome A. Lewis	Jesse A. DuBois
Rudolph J. Felter	Guy B. Beech	Merlin H. Mickel
	Harry M. Ivins	

Total 43

Admitted ..... 8

Reinstated ..... 1

Total 52

#### DECREASE

Deaths .....	6
Demissions .....	13
Suspended .....	9
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Total	28
Net Gain	24
Total Membership	953

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1925

Worshipful Master .....	Samuel M. Duncan
Secretary .....	Harry A. Palmer

## INCREASE

## Raised:

Max L. Baseman	Charles W. Cowan	Louis D. Dennis
James C. Gilbert	Paul B. Skogsberg	Walter R. Stephenson
Joseph R. Treichler	Lynn S. Bartlett	Charles R. Tunley
Harold E. Gifford	Joseph Filipy	Hollis A. Stenshoel
William J. Christian	Alvin T. Anderson	George S. McEldon
August G. Kampmier	William F. Heinig	Joseph C. Vondracek
	Arthur M. Davidson	Roy C. Bowie
	Total	20

Admitted .....	7
Reinstated .....	1
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Total 28

## DECREASE

Deaths .....	7
Demissions .....	10
Suspended .....	8
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Total 25  
Net Gain 3  
Total Membership 956

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1926

Worshipful Master .....	Paul N. Clark
Secretary .....	Harry A. Palmer

## INCREASE

## Raised:

William J. Nezerka	William E. Breidert	Walter J. Scherrebeck
Benjamin Broxey	David G. Bleakley	Irving A. West
Ewald L. Diemann	Milo Heral	Mike T. Risk
Carl E. Arp	George H. Hedges	William Kretschmar
Leroy E. Choate	Edward E. Phillips	Glenn Myers
Chester P. Spencer	Marvin L. Doherty	Ralph E. Munden
Charles B. Schaad	Adelbert W. Clement	Edward C. Van Gorkom
Frank Vavra	Harlan E. Snyder	Charles B. Zalesky
Joseph F. Thompson	Fred L. Lapham	Otho L. Nickles

Elijah F. Stephen	Benjamin F. Hazen	Leonard W. Douda	
George R. Craft		Paul N. Hintz	
		Total	32
Admitted .....			23
Reinstated .....			1
		Total	56
DECREASE			
Deaths .....			10
Demissions .....			10
Suspended .....			8
		Total	28
		Net Gain	28
		Total Membership	984

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1927

Worshipful Master .....	Walter S. Newell
Secretary .....	Harry L. Palmer

## INCREASE

Raised:			
Frank B. Vavra	John S. Vavra	Adolph C. Fisher	
Harrison K. Ainsworth	George E. Boylan	Fred A. Carstens	
Frederick L. Fitzpatrick	Charles Greenberg	Fred Fiala, Jr.	
Richard M. Whiteman	James H. Bailey	Floyd L. Mabie	
Donald E. Bleakley	Carlos A. Bort	Harry M. Sorensen	
Austin E. Merriam	Charles H. Harmer	Henry I. Gundling	
Reginald A. Bunce	Jess O. Torrence	Charles H. Swab	
Jerome P. Hula	Laurance D. Hunter	George W. Prazak	
Hugh E. Rich	Frank F. Novotny	Charles W. Leksa	
James D. Blake	Charles W. Clark	John H. Schultz	
	Wesley J. Netolicky		
	Total		31
Admitted .....			17
Reinstated .....			3
	Total		51
DECREASE			
Deaths .....			11
Demissions .....			6
Suspended .....			12
	Total		29
	Net Gain		22
	Total Membership		1006

ANNUAL RETURNS 1928

Worshipful Master ..... Otis L. Leefers  
Secretary ..... Harry A. Palmer

INCREASE

Raised:		
George W. Rejsa	Clyde R. Miller	Jerry Chalupnik
Robert T. Coie	Eldred P. H. Bender	Harry Cristy
John Culbreth	Raymond J. Gauger	Sidney G. Liebsohn
Earl B. Robb	Arthur R. Lyons	Willis S. Jonas
Albert E. Lindsay	Custer Greer	Fred C. Henson
Lester E. Willis	John H. McNeil	Adrian C. Pike
Lewis A. Blood	Albert F. Riemann	James S. Koolbeck
Ernest G. Kill		John L. Gilmore

	Total	23
Admitted .....		15
Reinstated .....		5

Total 43

DECREASE

Deaths .....	10
Demissions .....	5
Suspended .....	15

Total	30
Net Gain	13
Total Membership	1019

ANNUAL RETURNS 1929

Worshipful Master ..... Otto R. Lambertsen  
Secretary ..... Harry A. Palmer

INCREASE

Raised:		
Arclay M. Dunlop	Edward E. Bickerton	Heald Bowser
Frank J. Jirsa	Harry E. Yaw	Franklin R. Laurence
Walter J. Sweesy	Edward F. Cohrs	Albert J. Grother
Walter D. Potter	William B. Reynolds	Gifford C. McClain
George H. Chapman	Thomas E. Radloff	John W. Brown
Wayne E. Pennington	Lumir Jirsa	Fabian S. Peshek
Stanley C. Moore	John C. Henningsen	Caarl W. Stuber
	Richard D. Whitney	

	Total	22
Admitted .....		8

Total 30

DECREASE

Deaths .....	13
Demissions .....	9



Suspended ..... 5

Total ..... 27  
 Net Gain ..... 3  
 Total Membership ..... 1022

### ANNUAL RETURNS 1930

Worshipful Master ..... Dana R. Holden  
 Secretary ..... Harry A. Palmer

#### INCREASE

##### Raised:

Leonard J. Filipy	Morris R. Weir	Frank Janu
Joseph W. Francis	Willard J. Hughes	Frederick P. Ockoonoff
George E. Cervenka	Robert A. Kelsey	Walter M. Krebs
Milo M. Simanek	Ben Padzensky	Max Albert
Robert C. Leefers	George L. Swab	Glanville C. Wheeler
Harry W. Wingert	Chris E. Beck	Harold T. Rudgal
George J. Naxera	Lester J. Baldwin	Karl G. Roths
Harry B. James		Glen C. Baker

Total ..... 23

Admitted ..... 17

Reinstated ..... 5

Total ..... 45

#### DECREASE

Deaths ..... 7

Demissions ..... 4

Suspended ..... 12

Total ..... 23

Net Gain ..... 22

Total Membership ..... 1044

### ANNUAL RETURNS 1931

Worshipful Master ..... Edward E. Lowe  
 Secretary ..... Harry A. Palmer

#### INCREASE

##### Raised:

Milo A. Rubek	John Johnson	Lester L. Ruka
Jack A. Yager	John R. Ward	John F. Ream
John A. MacLean	Harold F. Jungbluth	Cecil H. Walter
William E. Chapman	Ronald W. Rawson	William F. Sorensen
Sidney H. McNall	Van H. Barnes	Colvin E. Heminger
William W. Crissman	Fred P. Tamisiea	George W. Baker
Ralph L. Munden	Wesley J. Janda	Max Padzensky
Stephen A. Putnam	Vinton S. Bowers	John F. Norman
Karl L. Sorensen	Udell A. Leibsohn	Donald E. Hamblin

Total ..... 27

Admitted ..... 11

Total ..... 38

*DECREASE*

Deaths .....	16
Demissions .....	10
Withdrawn .....	1
Suspended .....	16
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Total	43
Net Loss	5
Total Membership	1039

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1932

Worshipful Master .....	John B. Finney
Secretary .....	Harry A. Palmer

*INCREASE*

Raised:		
Joseph Kacere	Herbert F. Clark	Harry Cohn
Daniel Kruidenier	George Farris	Emery A. Milliken
	Total	6
Admitted .....		12
Reinstated .....		2
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Total		20

*DECREASE*

Deaths .....	7
Demissions .....	9
Withdrawn .....	1
Suspended .....	20
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Total	37
Net Loss	17
Total Membership	1022

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1933

Worshipful Master .....	Conrad L. Stookey
Secretary .....	Harry A. Palmer

*INCREASE*

Raised:		
William John Lana	William C. Boyd	Louis M. Bugenstein
Delbert M. Auten	Ernest C. Kuenzel	Clarence L. Beeson
Fred W. Schantz		Cloyce A. Dusenbery
	Total	8
Admitted .....		5
Reinstated .....		2
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Total		15

*DECREASE*

Deaths .....	14
Demissions .....	10

Suspended .....	22
Total	46
Net Loss	31
Total Membership	991

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1934

Worshipful Master .....	Peter W. Jacobson
Secretary .....	Harry A. Palmer

## INCREASE

Raised:		
Joseph Kust	William S. Cadow	Frederick J. Witousek
William E. Groepper	Richard D. Munden	Arthur C. Gertsen
Raymond L. Wright	Joseph H. Leehman	Arthur C. Walz
Total		9
Admitted .....		7
Reinstated .....		4
Total		20

## DECREASE

Deaths .....	14
Demissions .....	12
Suspended .....	38
Total	64
Net Loss	44
Total Membership	947

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1935

Worshipful Master .....	Charles B. Zalesky
Secretary .....	Harry A. Palmer

## INCREASE

Raised:		
Edward J. Clapp	Victor F. Svoboda	George Alberts
Walter H. Krabbenhoft		Miles J. Ellis
Total		5
Admitted .....		9
Reinstated .....		11
Total		25

## DECREASE

Deaths .....	12
Demissions .....	24
Suspended .....	31
Expelled .....	1
Total	68
Net Loss	43
Total Membership	904

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1936

Worshipful Master ..... John Reid Watson  
 Secretary ..... Harry A. Palmer

## INCREASE

Raised:

Clyde C. Dunlop	Edwin L. Miller	Thomas H. DeWees
Lee R. Beardsley	Wells C. Peck	Roy E. Olson
Lester C. Chadima	George E. Chadima	Ernest H. Christensen
	George A. Garden	

Total 10

Admitted ..... 8

Reinstated ..... 5

Total 23

## DECREASE

Deaths ..... 11

Demissions ..... 13

Suspended ..... 19

Total 43

Net Loss 20

Total Membership 884

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1937

Worshipful Master ..... Earl B. Delzell  
 Secretary ..... Harry A. Palmer

## INCREASE

Raised:

James R. Bean	Charles A. Nelson, Jr.	J. Edgar Moore
Joseph F. Janda	George A. Johnson	Harry T. Yarowsky
	H. Everett Rosenberg	

Total 7

Admitted ..... 19

Reinstated ..... 6

Total 32

## DECREASE

Deaths ..... 13

Demissions ..... 11

Suspended ..... 11

Total 35

Net Loss 3

Total Membership 881

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1938

Worshipful Master ..... Walter D. Potter  
 Secretary ..... Harry A. Palmer

## INCREASE

Raised:



Fred O. Mueller	Clyde J. Markham	David Bernstein
Byron Walla	John B. Turner	Leland R. Murray
Robert E. L. Porter	Paul E. Fidler	Charles E. King
	Total	9
Admitted .....		7
Reinstated .....		6
	Total	22
<i>DECREASE</i>		
Deaths .....		17
Demissions .....		12
Suspended .....		14
	Total	43
	Net Loss	21
	Total Membership	860

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1939

Worshipful Master .....	Walter M. Krebs
Secretary .....	Harry A. Palmer

*INCREASE*

Raised:		
Clifford H. Scott	Joseph V. Trejtmär	Dominic Loferski
Robert Brice Moore	Albert M. Jayne	Robert L. Pierson
Walter S. Denny	Glenn E. Bateman	Leonell V. Dawson
	Harry Cocker	
	Total	10
Admitted .....		9
Reinstated .....		5

Total 24

*DECREASE*

Deaths .....	8
Demissions .....	6
Suspended .....	7

Total 21

Net Gain 3

Total Membership 863

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1940

Worshipful Master .....	George R. Liddle
Secretary .....	Harry A. Palmer

*INCREASE*

Raised:		
Hoyt Thomas	Edwin R. Haldy	Forrest W. Stewart
Milo F. Mitvalsky	Lloyd L. Burger	George Y. Swartzendruber
Frank L. Hird	Peter W. Dancker	Isadore Tucker

Luther L. Lundine	Richard T. Paynter	Robert F. Knight	
Burton F. Haldy		George R. High	
		Total	14
Admitted .....			9
Reinstated .....			3
		Total	26
<i>DECREASE</i>			
Deaths .....			20
Demissions .....			7
Suspended .....			3
		Total	30
		Net Loss	4
		Total Membership	859

ANNUAL RETURNS 1941

Worshipful Master .....	Oliver Lee Eckert
Secretary .....	Harry A. Palmer
<i>INCREASE</i>	
Raised:	
Leonard E. Lear	Robert F. Churchill
Carl D. Smith	Floyd E. Fisher
William J. Kacena	John E. Young
Nathan Cohn	Vernon W. Benda
	Howard B. Secor
	Total
	13
Admitted .....	11
Reinstated .....	3
	Total
	27
<i>DECREASE</i>	
Deaths .....	21
Demissions .....	10
Suspended .....	6
	Total
	37
	Net Loss
	10
	Total Membership
	849

ANNUAL RETURNS 1942

Worshipful Master .....	Edwin E. Hruska
Secretary .....	Harry A. Palmer
<i>INCREASE</i>	
Raised:	
John E. Eichhorn	Henry G. Meyn
Edward F. Kadlec	Paul A. Miner
Robert W. Johnson	Arthur R. Glasier
Walter M. Brown	George C. Thomas
Sam Cohn	Robert C. Nelson
	Joseph Cohn
	Grant F. Anderson
	Bruce F. Emberling
	Jeff W. Rich
	Cuthbert W. Smith

Charles C. Moeller	Glen A. Evans	Harry E. Jecklin
George D. Willis	Charles W. Packwood	Merrill L. Anderson
Frederick C. Petersen		Charles W. Mathews
	Total	23
Admitted .....		21
Reinstated .....		3
	Total	47
<i>DECREASE</i>		
Deaths .....		13
Demissions .....		4
Suspended .....		2
	Total	19
	Net Gain	28
	Total Membership	877

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1943

Worshipful Master .....	Harry K. Burmeister and T. Hubert DeWees
Secretary .....	O. Lee Eckert

*INCREASE*

## Raised:

Ralph E. Hepker	Clifford G. Hopewell	John F. Gaston
Walter F. Heaton	Alvin G. Keyes	Frederick J. Hollands
Walter D. Schulz	Rudolph T. Termohlen	Clarence E. Fisher
Charles M. Stroppel	Alfred Jorgensen	Paul H. Helming
Clair J. Thomas	Ithiel B. Bean	Robert F. Milota
Robert E. Campbell	Theodore B. Hlubucek	Edward J. Piedlau
	Total	18
Admitted .....		9
Reinstated .....		3

Total 30

*DECREASE*

Deaths .....		22
Demissions .....		4
	Total	26
	Net Gain	4
	Total Membership	881

## ANNUAL RETURNS 1944

Worshipful Master .....	Charles Penningroth
Secretary .....	O. Lee Eckert

*INCREASE*

## Raised:

Harry R. Keith	Gerald W. Groepper	Amos L. Smith
John B. Lindstrom	Clyde R. Sanborn	Robert H. Reid
Herman D. Fugate	Leo F. Shikoski	E. O. Spangler
Russell W. Landis	Alvin L. Van Horn	Ira L. Yanaway

Donald L. Reid	Carl R. Butterfield	John A. Eyre
Grant A. Longenbaugh	Louis E. Kizer	George H. Fishel
Thomas McAllen	Marion F. Dingman	Ernest B. Hauks
Eli L. Abodeely	James E. Lundstrom	Almon S. Larson
Sumner W. Spencer	William Hanson	Mike J. Koury
Gordon L. Brooks	Glen F. Wolford	Frederick H. Zuhn
Darwin W. Van Skike	Samuel E. Templeton	John T. King
Charles Wright	Berne R. Sands	Telford E. Lennon
Allan E. Poole	Davilla E. Fagle	Aaron D. Fauton
Robert G. LeVan	Laurence M. Furry	Michal G. Bellas
Harry C. Hamer	Herman E. Schaalman	Howard J. Bronson
Charles W. Walser	Clarence M. Grath	Paul Mortensen
Paul W. Anderson	John M. Harris	Robert L. Daniels
John E. Pallas	William H. Osborn	Henry R. Ek
Frank X. Guyott	James R. Jennison	Virgil L. Bowser
Robert L. Kirkman	Ray S. Fattig	Harold W. Krome
James K. Pye	Harry Gunderson	Carl H. Schade
Bernard H. Coon	James E. Wiley	Robert L. Sailor
	William F. Clark	

	Total	67
Admitted .....		10
Reinstated .....		4

	Total	81
DECREASE		
Deaths .....		19
Demissions .....		6
Dropped .....		3
	Total	28
	Net Gain	53
	Total Membership	934

ANNUAL RETURNS 1945

Worshipful Master .....	D. Murray Robertson
Secretary .....	O. Lee Eckert

INCREASE

Raised:		
Ganson L. Byers	William J. Caldwell	Richard M. Cook
Henry L. Freiereisen	Jerry Bys	Elmer L. Davis
Henry L. Lubben	Fay H. Humbert	Andrew J. Charipar
Tom A. Thomas	John H. Jacobsen	Arthur E. Sproston
Arthur T. Klapp	Charles H. Pakingham	James R. Orton
William W. McDowell	Harold N. Beorkrem	Joseph L. Mikulas
Luther R. Wilson	Laverne L. Larson	Charles A. Pope
Ferris A. Clarke	Hunter T. Baylor	William J. Dougherty
Lester T. Caldwell	Merle D. Heckert	Norman L. Davis
Arthur O. Rich	Charles O. Risdon	Harry E. Meaney
Kenneth F. Rich	Wallace J. Morris	Raymond J. Pollock
Steven L. Stolba	Charles Pribyl	Lorain H. McLain



Harold N. Wikelund	Earl H. Packingham	Ralph W. Mock
M. M. Thompson, Jr.	Walter H. Grant	James H. McAndrews
Wayne C. Stookey	John L. Baldridge	George N. Kelley
Harry M. Wilson	Wyatt E. Maupin	Paul S. Kohl
Ralph F. Numbers	George A. Mueller	Millard M. Keith
Robert W. Seefluth	William M. Allen	Edward Berg
Hollis A. Troette	Truman S. Bowers	Tom Bowker
James M. Allen	Harvey L. Goodenough	Robert J. Vlach
Clarence W. Reinert	Walter F. Humphrey	Robert F. Clause
Roy A. Sell	Leo B. Geesaman	Ernest L. Martin

Total 66

Admitted ..... 14

Reinstated ..... 10

Total 90

# *DECREASE*

Deaths ..... 18

Demissions ..... 9

Total 27

Net Gain 63

Total Membership 997

## CHAPTER II

### NECROLOGY

"So live, that when thy summons comes to join  
The innumerable caravan which moves  
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take  
His chamber in the silent halls of death,  
Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night,  
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed  
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave,  
Like one that wraps the drapery of his couch  
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

### *OUR DEAD*

A. S. Belt	March 1, 1878
Thomas Z. Cook	December 25, 1879
J. P. Coulter	May 29, 1880
George Greene	June 23, 1880
N. B. Brown	September 16, 1880
F. Ruiter	June 17, 1882
H. A. Wolcott	December 20, 1882
M. Shattuck	April 9, 1883
C. W. Woodbridge	August 28, 1883
F. T. Eaton	March 29, 1884
T. H. Smith	March 31, 1884
Thomas M. Laughlin	Unknown
James R. Paul	September 6, 1890
Richmond Smith	November 6, 1890
W. D. Watrous	June 22, 1891
N. B. Consigny	October 2, 1891
A. S. Keyes	October 13, 1893
William P. Henderson	May 22, 1894
C. W. Eaton	May 12, 1895
B. E. Burtis	December 11, 1895
William Linter	March 1, 1896
James Cantilo	May 11, 1897
L. M. Rich	June 12, 1897
H. F. Hunting	June 16, 1899

S. L. Dows, Jr.	July 5, 1899
James Morton	September 23, 1899
M. A. Higley	October 29, 1900
Rollin R. Smith	November 28, 1900
A. R. Foote	February 22, 1901
R. W. Bithray	March 24, 1901
John W. Cowan	April 20, 1901
C. E. Chandler	September 2, 1901
Edgar Richmond	September 2, 1902
W. P. Johnson	October 20, 1902
J. F. Clarkson	October 26, 1902
C. D. Ives	December 4, 1902
William A. Black	February 11, 1903
George W. Bever	April 8, 1903
Henry F. Miller	October 21, 1903
William B. Leach	December 5, 1903
George W. Scheafer	April 1, 1904
B. F. Parker	July 3, 1904
Robert Sommerbeck	September 21, 1904
Louis A. Emich	January 4, 1905
J. A. Runkle	January 19, 1905
Marvin J. Gates	February 6, 1905
Spencer Jackson	February 24, 1905
R. W. Bushnell	June 6, 1906
A. H. Connor	October 24, 1906
John W. Stahl	April 4, 1907
J. J. Powell	January 6, 1908
R. M. Shafer	April 13, 1908
John B. Bever	August 17, 1908
Isaac N. Whittam	January 17, 1909
A. Chandler	July 12, 1909
Edward O. Mansfield	December 1, 1909
Augustus L. Weiss	December 25, 1909
John W. Meader	July 5, 1910
Frederick G. Browne	February 17, 1911
Walter S. King	June 16, 1911
Edward S. Wood	November 7, 1911
William Flagan	December 16, 1911
Henry C. Waite	February 12, 1912
Clarence L. Miller	May 19, 1912
Irving C. Emery	November 18, 1912
Orland D. Wynn	December 21, 1912
Robert N. Buck	February 15, 1913
Duncan McDougall	June 6, 1913
Ben F. Tanner	July 12, 1913
William J. Maxwell	July 14, 1913
George L. Buresh	April 25, 1914
George T. McKenzie	November 12, 1914
Nelson B. Weeks	January 23, 1915

Morgan H. Rizer	August 1, 1915
Lew W. Anderson	September 21, 1915
Fred McArdle	December 7, 1915
Augustus Nyere	April 17, 1916
William J. Conrad	April 30, 1916
Frank F. Hallett	November 3, 1916
Upton C. Blake	November 19, 1916
Burt H. Bailey	June 22, 1917
Hubbard H. Maynard	October 28, 1917
Warren Harman	February 8, 1918
Frank W. Harwood	February 18, 1918
Ed L. Swen	May 4, 1918
Ambrose Jeffery	October 10, 1918
James W. Fellows	October 13, 1918
Ocie C. Murphy	November 9, 1918
George L. Fisher	November 15, 1918
John M. Ristine	January 8, 1919
Fred L. Diserens	January 13, 1919
Edward Soukup	February 23, 1919
Park W. Tourtelotte	February 28, 1919
Fred H. Tisdale	June 10, 1919
William J. Richmond	June 15, 1919
Frank J. Kouba, Sr.	October 14, 1919
James Nield	February 6, 1920
Wirt N. Ellis	May 15, 1920
Myron O. Camburn	July 13, 1920
Ed B. Lovejoy	July 18, 1920
Ed H. Smith	July 19, 1920
Kent C. Ferman	July 20, 1920
Fred A. Allen	August 13, 1920
Hugh W. McLeod	August 24, 1920
Ernest J. Fluckiger	September 23, 1920
St. Clair B. Moore	August 28, 1921
Henry Besler	September 6, 1921
William A. Mohrbacker	October 6, 1921
Charles G. Merrill	December 6, 1921
W. P. Daniels	December 23, 1921
Gus A. Doerfler	December 31, 1921
Joseph J. Kolarik	March 6, 1922
Morris E. Griffith	May 24, 1922
Samuel B. Shaffer	August 17, 1922
William H. Cavanaugh	October 10, 1922
Marcus M. Hall	January 27, 1923
Thomas F. Eggleston	March 29, 1923
Henry F. Beilharz	April 13, 1923
John T. Liddle	August 19, 1923
Keith J. Stookey	August 19, 1923
Perry W. Mitchel	January 8, 1924
Charles H. Campbell	April 6, 1924



S. S. Brotherton	April 22, 1924
C. F. Sigmund	August 9, 1924
Frank H. Juckett	October 9, 1924
L. L. Palmer	December 3, 1924
Dighton M. Kelley	February 19, 1925
William L. Davis	March 5, 1925
Theodore J. Ptak	March 7, 1925
Leland M. Hausler	May 25, 1925
Frank E. Pirkel	June 21, 1925
Charles E. Walters, Jr.	November 25, 1925
Roy A. Karlow	December 17, 1925
Charles D. Van Vechten	January 5, 1926
John H. Keech	January 5, 1926
Frank H. Minnis	January 17, 1926
Jacob Schmidt	January 20, 1926
Alfred J. Runkle	February 13, 1926
Thomas W. Kelley	March 11, 1926
Robert W. Winter	June 4, 1926
George Nyere	July 9, 1926
William G. Dows	November 25, 1926
Milo G. Vorishek	December 16, 1926
Charles F. Russell	January 22, 1927
George W. Cameron	June 4, 1927
John J. Mead	June 10, 1927
Albert J. Smetana	September 11, 1927
Adelbert W. Clement	September 15, 1927
Albert R. Collins	October 21, 1927
James Kennedy	October 26, 1927
Edwin S. Glasier	November 5, 1927
Rollo P. Stout	December 5, 1927
Edward F. Foster	December 10, 1927
W. W. Conaway	December 16, 1927
Mark S. Jackson	January 19, 1928
T. S. Metcalf	January 30, 1928
Frank E. Horak	February 1, 1928
George A. Jones	February 13, 1928
Walter C. Burd	March 2, 1928
Marcellus D. Porter	June 17, 1928
William B. Smith	July 14, 1928
James J. Clements	August 20, 1928
Thomas Wilson	November 21, 1928
Frederick P. Cohrs	December 11, 1928
Clarence C. Craft	January 5, 1929
Clarke R. Parker	January 31, 1929
William M. Kincel	March 21, 1929
J. Otto Krumbholtz	May 17, 1929
Harry E. Whiteman	June 16, 1929
Luther C. Armstrong	July 20, 1929
Hugh Leathem	July 28, 1929

Guy B. Beech	July 30, 1929
Edgar Gee	September 1, 1929
Leslie C. Lemon	October 15, 1929
Ernest A. Sherman	October 24, 1929
James W. Good	November 18, 1929
Jacob Ruopp	November 20, 1929
Frank Klinelob	April 3, 1930
J. Lynn Crawford	May 8, 1930
James S. Graham	June 13, 1930
Joseph Erwin	September 16, 1930
Fred A. Niles	October 10, 1930
E. E. Clark	December 1, 1930
Harrison K. Ainsworth	December 15, 1930
Louis J. Baerthel	February 20, 1931
Joseph A. Larimer	March 1, 1931
Henry P. Martin	March 2, 1931
James A. Plumb	March 11, 1931
Louis J. Shramek	March 18, 1931
Percy P. Smith	April 16, 1931
Herman W. Bowen	April 16, 1931
Edward W. Winter	April 25, 1931
Lester Van Sickel	May 31, 1931
Bart McGowan	June 24, 1931
Joseph E. Soukup	June 29, 1931
John A. Marquis	July 5, 1931
Michael E. Eckert	September 14, 1931
Herbert B. Hunting	December 5, 1931
Evan G. Thompson	December 8, 1931
Samuel M. Duncan	December 29, 1931
William A. Wagner	January 11, 1932
Charles Wesley Daniels	January 25, 1932
James S. Davidson	February 4, 1932
William F. Hillock	June 14, 1932
William P. Powell	June 28, 1932
John M. Rider	October 7, 1932
John W. Hayes	October 12, 1932
Charles E. Auracher	March 15, 1933
Frank K. Ward	June 5, 1933
J. F. Richardson	June 21, 1933
Charles B. Clark	June 24, 1933
Lon Hughes	July 14, 1933
Joseph P. Longford	September 6, 1933
E. O. Shallenberger	September 10, 1933
Joseph Kacere	September 17, 1933
John B. Northcott	October 16, 1933
Gustav Dusdieker	November 7, 1933
William C. Boyd	November 9, 1933
W. E. Grimes	November 19, 1933
George W. Koehler	December 4, 1933

Howard W. Clements	December 10, 1933
John V. Kolarik	January 13, 1934
Charles E. Voohees	March 5, 1934
George R. Craft	March 17, 1934
John J. Hoffman	April 8, 1934
Clifford L. York	April 25, 1934
Frank S. Popelka	June 4, 1934
George T. Hedges	August 12, 1934
Robert K. Allen	August 25, 1934
A. B. Stolba	September 3, 1934
Nathan Baldwin	September 8, 1934
Franklin E. Miller	September 8, 1934
W. H. Crissinger	September 8, 1934
Peter W. Jacobson	September 9, 1934
C. S. Bowman	December 15, 1934
George T. Gadd	February 26, 1935
Charles A. Kohlmeier	March 14, 1935
John M. Harcourt	July 16, 1935
R. R. Robinson	August 16, 1935
J. B. Duxbury	August 18, 1935
D. E. Rummell	September 15, 1935
W. C. Howe	September 21, 1935
Stephen A. Putnam	September 21, 1935
John M. Blaine	September 26, 1935
Eugene E. Pinney	October 16, 1935
John D. Stewart	December 2, 1935
William D. Snouffer	December 11, 1935
Edward C. Von Gorkum	March 5, 1936
Edward F. Winslow	March 6, 1936
Wells C. Peck	March 24, 1936
Walter J. Hutchins	April 19, 1936
L. W. Richards	June 5, 1936
Harlow S. Searle	July 14, 1936
Joseph R. Buresh	August 11, 1936
Ernest G. Kill	September 23, 1936
John A. Randall	October 6, 1936
John B. Turner	October 16, 1936
John M. Dinwiddie	November 20, 1936
Keith Vawter	February 5, 1937
Willis H. Himmelberger	March 4, 1937
Atherton B. Clark	April 12, 1937
Edward P. Childs	May 9, 1937
Simon P. Cameron	May 19, 1937
Ben L. Sheldon	June 21, 1937
John Nyers	June 30, 1937
Milton C. Bryan	September 8, 1937
Archie A. Bennett	October 8, 1937
Clement J. Wall	November 21, 1937
Charles H. Cogswell	November 24, 1937

Charles A. Dieman	December 10, 1937
Edward K. Beane	December 11, 1937
Charles H. Swab	January 8, 1938
Carl A. Frederickson	January 22, 1938
Howard L. Coombes	February 24, 1938
John Scholten	March 8, 1938
Jacob F. Pitz	March 27, 1938
John F. Anderson	April 3, 1938
Edward V. Campbell	April 19, 1938
James E. Blake	May 1, 1938
Lucius E. McLaughlin	May 20, 1938
Herbert R. Shafer	July 24, 1938
Charles W. Cowan	July 29, 1938
Ralph W. Emerson	September 7, 1938
Martin J. Hedin	October 4, 1938
Harry F. Lambertson	October 11, 1938
Henry J. Hermann	October 21, 1938
Frank E. Krider	December 17, 1938
Ernest A. Leo	December 24, 1938
Willard C. Stuff	January 3, 1939
John H. Brookman	January 26, 1939
Freeman F. Canniff	February 12, 1939
Friend W. Shafer	March 4, 1939
George A. Evans	March 7, 1939
Martin P. Beck	March 25, 1939
Ben F. Hanzen	May 10, 1939
Edwin E. Wood	July 6, 1939
W. N. Reedy	January 1, 1940
Joseph Filipy	January 18, 1940
Harry E. Yaw	February 6, 1940
Robert F. Douglas	February 24, 1940
Harry W. Wingert	March 28, 1940
Otto Sikora	May 8, 1940
John A. Watt	June 7, 1940
Edward O. Serveson	June 26, 1940
Thomas B. Powell	June 27, 1940
Otis L. Leefers	July 8, 1940
J. A. Lomax	July 9, 1940
Cecil H. Walter	July 11, 1940
George E. Johnson	July 23, 1940
Frank A. Talbott	July 26, 1940
William E. Peterson	August 17, 1940
Walter Jones	October 4, 1940
James C. Gilbert	October 16, 1940
Carl E. Anderson	November 25, 1940
John Culbreth	November 28, 1940
Bert S. Church	December 21, 1940
Harry H. Coulson	January 17, 1941
Edward E. Dickerton	January 24, 1941



Milo C. Skala	January 30, 1941
Philip A. Wolff	February 14, 1941
Bert Humbert	February 16, 1941
Edward C. Clark	March 3, 1941
D. E. Tiffany	March 30, 1941
David Whittingham	April 7, 1941
Harry M. Laurance	April 15, 1941
Cornelius Van Sickle	April 16, 1941
Perry C. Rude	April 29, 1941
Charles R. Youtzy	May 6, 1941
Ira C. Stanley	June 13, 1941
Morris Bugenstein	June 19, 1941
Morris B. Dodge	June 23, 1941
Albert A. Bickal	July 10, 1941
George A. Shores	July 30, 1941
James Dunlop	August 10, 1941
Frank C. Miller	October 15, 1941
Frank C. Clark	October 28, 1941
Walter J. Smith	December 29, 1941
Arthur E. Chase	January 11, 1942
M. H. Curtis	March 14, 1942
Abner F. Jones	April 7, 1942
Frank J. Petranek	May 24, 1942
William E. Stockley	June 25, 1942
William A. Helbe	July 9, 1942
John R. Battin	July 16, 1942
Allen Hochlander	August 27, 1942
William E. Mickel	September 12, 1942
Enos W. Richardson	October 1, 1942
Louis Estes	October 10, 1942
Charles H. Stuart	October 30, 1942
George B. Gaylord	November 29, 1942
Fred LaTourette	December 31, 1942
Elmer H. Beaven	February 13, 1943
O. J. DeVault	February 18, 1943
Harry E. Pratt	February 18, 1943
Floyd E. Fisher	February 24, 1943
Carl E. Arp	March 11, 1943
T. Will Runkle	March 26, 1943
William L. Phipps	March 29, 1943
Gustaf Kullander	April 22, 1943
Charles A. Laurance	May 22, 1943
Robert I. Safely	June 21, 1943
Edwin Broms	June 28, 1943
Harry E. Myers	July 11, 1943
Samuel W. Saylor	September 15, 1943
Forbes MacKenzie	September 19, 1943
John A. Miller	October 10, 1943
Charles B. Shaad	October 13, 1943

Charles S. Yeager	November 6, 1943
A. A. Daggett	November 10, 1943
Ralph E. Munden	November 14, 1943
Emil J. Mikulas	December 21, 1943
John M. Grimm	December 22, 1943
Charles D. Huston	January 8, 1944
Paul N. Clark	March 28, 1944
Henry E. Miller	March 29, 1944
Anthony Tlusty	April 21, 1944
David B. Clifford	April 26, 1944
Harry L. Hirtzler	May 6, 1944
Harvey R. Hoffman	May 12, 1944
George G. Grupe	May 28, 1944
Bernard H. Coon	June 21, 1944
John W. Baldridge	July 11, 1944
John W. Nolting	July 23, 1944
George P. Haldy	July 30, 1944
Cyrus M. Dukes	August 21, 1944
Robert J. Brodie	October 22, 1944
Joseph E. Coenen	October 30, 1944
George L. Matteson	November 16, 1944
Roland C. Wilson	December 15, 1944
James C. Johnson	December 25, 1944
H. Everett Rosenberg	December 26, 1944
Robert B. Moore	December 31, 1944
John E. Cook	February 9, 1945
William Sporman	February 19, 1945
John A. Eyre	March 22, 1945
H. B. Donaldson	March 29, 1945
Nathan D. Estes	March 30, 1945
George B. Pirnie	May 23, 1945
William F. Vesely	August 8, 1945
Edward J. Ornsky	August 14, 1945
Ora B. McKinney	August 16, 1945
Welcom W. Reams	August 17, 1945
James J. Hruska	September 12, 1945
Franklin P. Miller	September 29, 1945
Ben D. Mason	October 13, 1945
Charles W. Yetter	October 15, 1945
Jaro G. Kos	November 11, 1945
Henry J. Hromek	November 12, 1945
Samuel C. Keyes	November 30, 1945

Even such is Time, that takes in trust  
 Our youth, our joys, and all we have,  
 And pays us but with age and dust;  
 Who in the dark and silent grave,  
 When we have wandered all our ways,  
 Shuts up the story of our days.  
 But from this earth, this grave, this dust,  
 My God shall raise me up I trust.

*Sir Walter Raleigh*

### CHAPTER III

#### MASTERS OF MOUNT HERMON LODGE NO. 263 A.F. & A.M.

J. C. Adams	1870	E. P. Childs	1917
W. D. Watrous	1871-1872	H. W. McLeod	1918
W. B. Leach	1873	J. H. Vosmek	1919
C. W. Eaton	1874	A. E. Chase	1920
G. R. Skinner	1875-1876-1879	G. F. Wingert	1921
W. J. Chrisler	1877-1878	D. E. Tiffany	1922
J. G. Graves	1880-1881-1882-1883	H. J. Manchester	1923
Jas. Morton	1884	J. E. Patterson	1924
G. E. Cogswell	1884-1885-1886-1887	S. M. Duncan	1925
E. H. Smith	1888	P. N. Clark	1926
J. E. Bear	1889	W. S. Newell	1927
W. G. Dows	1890	O. L. Leefers	1928
C. H. Cogswell	1891-1894-1895-1896	O. R. Lambertson	1929
M. W. Hazeltine	1892	D. R. Holden	1930
A. S. Keyes	1893	E. E. Lowe	1931
C. D. Huston	1897-1898-1899-1900	J. B. Finney	1932
C. L. Besler	1901-1902	C. L. Stookey	1933
J. J. Clements	1903	P. W. Jacobsen	1934
M. S. Jackson	1904	C. B. Zalesky	1935
E. O. Edson	1905	J. R. Watson	1936
T. B. Powell	1906	E. B. Delzell	1937
E. R. Moore	1907	W. D. Potter	1938
R. M. Putman	1908	W. M. Krebs	1939
T. W. Runkle	1909	G. R. Liddle	1940
J. E. Soukup	1910	O. L. Eckert	1941
B. L. Sheldon	1911	E. E. Hruska	1942
W. A. Leefers	1912	H. K. Burmeister	1943
D. L. Mitchell	1913	T. H. DeWees	1943
A. A. Bennett	1914	Chas. Penningroth	1944
H. A. Palmer	1915	D. M. Robertson	1945
S. C. Moore	1916	Hoyt Thomas	1946

## CHAPTER IV

## SECRETARIES, TREASURERS, AND TYLERS OF MOUNT HERMON

*Secretaries of Mount Hermon Lodge*

Name	Years Served
A. V. Eastman	Dispensation to May 1, 1883
Wm. M. Friesner	May 1, 1883 to May 1, 1884
J. B. Turner	May 1, 1884 to December 31, 1884
Ed H. Smith	1885
R. I. Safely	1886
A. W. Swanitz	1887
Al S. Keyes	1888
Eugene Sanger	1889
F. O. Pitkin	1890
J. B. Bever	1891-1892, 1901
T. Will Runkle	1893-1900, 1902-1905
J. J. Clements	1906-1921
Harry A. Palmer	1922-1943
O. Lee Eckert	1944 to date

*Treasurers of Mount Hermon Lodge*

M. A. Higley	Dispensation to May 1, 1871
O. C. Jones	May 1, 1871 to May 1, 1874
G. L. Bever	May 1, 1874 to May 1, 1875
H. C. Waite	May 1, 1875 to December 31, 1906
Chas. Fletcher	1907-1908
E. R. Moore	1909-1939
Otto Hanzlik	1940 to date

*Tylers of Mount Hermon Lodge*

A. J. Rebur (Crescent Lodge No. 25)	1870
George Carpenter	1871
Wesley Stephens	1872, 1874-1875, 1878-1882
E. Lake	1873
E. O. Edson	1876-1877
Zelotus Farr (Crescent Lodge No. 25)	1883-1903
G. M. Johnson (Crescent Lodge No. 25)	1904-1907
Wm. Flanagan	1908-1911
T. Manwell	1911
M. B. Dodge	1912-1938
S. C. Keyes	1939-1945



## CHAPTER V

## FIFTY-YEAR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS

*Members of Mount Hermon Lodge Who Have Received*

## FIFTY-YEAR CERTIFICATES

<i>Name</i>	<i>Where Raised</i>	<i>Certificate</i>	<i>Died</i>
Chas. H. Cogswell	Lanark (423), Lanark, Ill.	6/4/28	11/24/37
Morris B. Dodge	Wauconda (298), Wauconda, Ill.	3/9/31	6/23/41
John M. Rider	Wilton (167), Wilton Jct., Ia.	12/13/28	10/7/32
John B. Turner	Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263	10/25/30	10/16/36
Calvin C. Green	Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263	3/21/31	
J. A. Lomax	Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263	1/1/35	7/9/40
S. P. Cameron	Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263	5/28/35	5/19/37
Eugene E. Pinney	Golden Rule (5), Stanstead, Que.	8/21/35	10/16/35
Robert I. Safely	Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263		6/21/43
William R. Boyd	Cedar (11), Tipton, Ia.	1/18/37	
Pat C. Madison	Great Lights (181), Decorah, Ia.	4/19/30	
Frank H. Snyder	Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263	11/28/38	
Chas. A. Laurance	Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263	5/31/39	5/22/43
T. Will Runkle	Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263	3/30/42	3/26/43
Charles D. Huston	Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263	5/19/42	1/8/44
Wentzel Ruml	Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263	8/25/42	
Joseph H. Merritt	Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263	10/27/42	
Henry F. Klemme	Carnelian (425), Dows, Ia.	5/26/43	
Henry L. Walker	Hermon (273), Grinnell, Ia.	12/7/43	
Edward L. Camp	Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263	9/28/45	8/17/46
Malcolm V. Bolton	Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263	11/2/45	
Silas Harris	Kossuth (540), Burt, Ia.	6/17/46	
Wm. M. Evans	North Star (447), Estherville, Ia.	7/13/46	

## CHAPTER VI

## MILITARY SERVICE IN FOUR WARS

*A Roster of the Brethren of Mount Hermon Lodge Who have Served  
In the Armed Forces  
"For God and Country"*

In the period covered by this history of Mount Hermon Lodge, our country has engaged in three wars. Into the armed forces, the urge of patriotism carried the best of our young men. A sense of duty to God

and Country, a central thought in Masonry, is shown in the response by the brethren of Mount Hermon Lodge.

### *The Civil War*

Although the Civil War occurred prior to the birth of the Lodge, a number who served in it were afterward members. Among these were the following:

T. Z. Cook	R. M. Garrison	W. Stephens
Ed Coulter	M. A. Higley	J. H. Stibbs
S. L. Dows	W. B. Leach	E. L. Swem
	S. B. Shafer	

### *The Spanish-American War*

R. A. Carnegie	E. R. Moore	Charles Penningroth
W. G. Dows	Frank K. Hahn	H. J. Sugru
George A. Evans	F. G. Murray	J. R. Watson
Francis A. Greene		James P. Winn

### *World War I*

Harlan R. Amen	Roy Norman	Herbert H. Hoadley
Walter J. Barngrover	Edward F. Novotny	Lloyd M. Hochlander
R. A. Basham	Donald V. Palmer	Emil Milton Horak
A. J. Bishop	Charles Penningroth	Frank E. Horak
Thomas M. Blacklin	Fred M. Bettis	Glenn G. Hovey
William J. Brown	Eugene M. Pinney	Phillip A. Hoyt
Burdett C. Bunker	George B. Pirine	Cyril I. Hreck
Arthur E. Butterfield	Jacob F. Pitz	Charles B. Huber
Roy C. Carnegie	Fred J. Poyneer	Charles E. Hurka
Hiram J. Carson	William F. Protzman	Harry S. Johnson
John S. Chandler	Theodore J. Ptak	Henry S. Josselyn
Charles Chesters	Clifford R. Rasley	Roy K. Keech
James Henry Clark	Stanley M. Reid	William M. Kincel
Lucian W. Clark	Arthur B. Rudin	Robert M. Kouba
Ralph H. Clements	Wentzel Ruml	Oldrich Krejsa
Chas. H. Cogswell Jr.	Jacob Schmidt	Joseph P. Langford
Mervian A. Colip	Lumir Severa	Charles H. Lathrop
C. B. Cunningham	Byron N. Shean	Harry M. Laurance
John V. Dick	Q. Martin Smith	Leslie C. Lemon
Sutherland G. Dows	Harold N. Stoehr	Ralph Leo
Marlin K. Drake	Lewis L. Stoehr	Ernest E. Lippert
Jack W. Ellis	E. Arnold Sunstrom	Harold G. Lyman
Ralph W. Ellis	Randall L. Sweeney	Donald R. Lynch
Nathan D. Estes	Carl D. Thomas	Robert B. A. McBride
Benjamin F. Franks	Benjamin H. Thompson	Henry W. McClintock
Charles A. Fraser	Leslie Owen Tisdale	Ralph R. McDougall
Kenneth R. Ferguson	Reginald J. Tompkins	John McNabney
Daniel I. Ford	Cornelius L. VanSickle	John B. Madden
Howard M. Funk	Roy Vrba	Homer D. Madison
Bliss E. Graham	James G. Ware	Stanley R. Meek

Alvin E. Griggs  
Otis Grooms  
Ellwood E. Hahn  
Frank K. Hahn  
W. Howard Hall  
Otto F. Hanzlik  
James L. Hardwick  
Willis G. Haskell Jr.

William G. Weeks  
John Whalen  
Wallace L. Williamson  
James P. Winn  
Earl H. C. Winslow  
Burdette S. Wright  
William H. Yates  
Albert C. Zalesky

Albert R. Menary  
Loren P. Meyer  
Joseph Earl Morris  
John L. Morton  
Roy A. Murchison  
Edson I. Nelson  
John W. Nolan

### *World War II*

H. L. Adams  
George Alberts  
D. J. Anderson  
Vernon W. Benda  
G. L. Brooks  
J. W. Brown  
Harry K. Burmeister  
Robert E. Campbell  
Robert F. Churchill  
Herbert F. Clark  
Edward Cohn  
B. H. Coon  
William C. Crissman  
R. L. Daniels  
Millard H. Douglas  
L. M. Furry  
H. E. Gifford  
W. H. Grant  
G. W. Groepper  
W. F. Heaton  
G. Robert High  
Ralph Hoke  
C. D. Houck

K. F. Hubbard  
H. E. Jecklin  
W. J. Janda  
Robert W. Johnson  
Charles E. King  
Robert R. Kouba  
Dan Kruidenier  
A. M. Larson  
Howard E. Lee  
Dell Leibsohn  
Sidney Leibsohn  
Walter A. Leonard  
J. E. Lundstrom  
John B. Madden  
Roy G. McClean  
W. W. McDowell  
Ira B. McGladrey  
Gifford C. McLain  
R. F. Milota  
Charles C. Moeller  
Robert B. Moore  
Stanley C. Moore Jr.

Richard D. Munden  
Sabin Nassif  
Robert C. Nelson  
Richard F. Paynter  
R. E. Pease  
E. J. Piedlau  
Robert L. Pierson  
A. E. Poole  
George W. Prazak  
John T. Ream  
J. D. Reid  
Jeff W. Rich  
C. O. Risdon  
L. F. Skikoski  
Carl D. Smith  
Karl L. Sorensen  
Clair J. Thomas  
I. Tucker  
John B. Turner II  
M. R. Weir  
Bruce A. West  
F. L. Wetzel  
Fred J. Witousek

"May the wreaths they have won never wither  
Nor the stars of their glory grow dim."

## CHAPTER VII

### IN THE GRAND LODGE

In all the meetings of the Grand Lodge, Mount Hermon has had representation. There has been deep interest and active participation in the formulation of policy and conduct of the affairs of the Supreme Body. In recognition of ability and this intelligent interest many have been honored with official place. Alphabetically arranged, the roster is presented:

Harry K. Burmeister,	Junior Grand Deacon 1944
Paul N. Clark,	Grand Treasurer 1930
C. H. Coggswell,	Senior Grand Deacon 1891
Earl B. Delzell,	Senior Grand Steward 1935
Earl B. Delzell,	Deputy Grand Secretary 1940-1945
Earl B. Delzell,	Grand Secretary 1945
Kent C. Ferman,	Grand Treasurer 1915
J. G. Graves,	Senior Grand Steward 1883
A. A. Law,	Senior Grand Deacon 1931
Edward E. Lowe,	Senior Grand Deacon 1930
Edward E. Lowe,	Junior Grand Warden 1939
Ernest R. Moore,	Deputy Grand Master 1915
Ernest R. Moore,	Grand Treasurer 1920
Ernest R. Moore,	Grand Master 1924
Walter S. Newell,	Junior Grand Steward 1924
Joseph F. Newton,	Grand Chaplain 1911-13
Harry A. Palmer,	Deputy Grand Secretary 1924, 1925, 1928
Harry A. Palmer,	Senior Grand Warden 1929
Harry A. Palmer,	Grand Master 1937
T. Will Runkle,	Deputy Grand Secretary 1910-1913







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